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Aston Villa defender Ken
McNaught puts
Southampton's Alan Ball under
pressure.

THE KEVIN KEEGAN

What a lot of nonsense!

THERE is a lot of nonsense
talked in football
sometimes. The events
surrounding the recent
Wales v England game in
Cardiff threw up two
perfect examples.

Firstly there was the hue and cry
over my back injury. The morning
after the news broke all sorts of
frightening stories were flying
about in the papers.

The general theme was that
I was doubtful for the World Cup.
To make such sweeping
statements even before I had seen
a specialist about the problem was
blowing the situation out of all
proportion.

Okay, so I had a back injury bad
enough to keep me out of the
Wales game. Hardly surprising
considering that was the next day!

But my thoughts were on
getting fit for the following
Saturday's game at Manchester
United — never mind Spain.

I must have hurt myself in our
3-2 home defeat by Liverpool, but
being warm and loose I never felt
anything. You can even pull
muscles in a game and not feel
them until later.

However, I was a bit stiff in the
morning and after an
uncomfortable Sunday night I
decided to have a soak at the
England hotel.

That's when I got stuck in the
bath. I thought the warm water
would loosen me up but the back
set and I had to wait 15 minutes
for Trevor Brooking to return to
the room after his breakfast and
help me out.

On the advice of Vernon
Edwards, the England doctor, I
returned to Southampton for
treatment. I wasted no time in
seeing a specialist and he told me
what I wanted to hear . . . that it
was definitely not disc trouble and
so I wouldn't be out for a long
time.

That made some of the earlier
reports look a little silly and a little
premature.

Unfortunately the nonsense
didn't stop there. For a reason I
still can't understand, Wales
manager Mike England decided to
make a scathing attack on the
England side and our World Cup
chances before and after the
match.

I've played against Mike and I



Trevor Francis — great to see him score his first England goal for two years.

respect him, but I have to say that
his comments were over the top.

England were definitely superior
in every department to the Welsh.
Even John Toshack, who did a
radio commentary on the game,
agreed. And if Tosh, as fervent a
Welshman as you'd like to meet,
said it you can bet it was true.

I couldn't understand Mike's
reaction. It sounded like sour
grapes, but he started the attack
before a ball had been kicked.

Perhaps he is unhappy because
he doesn't have his own World
Cup platform. I can only think that
someone had upset him.

Everyone is entitled to an
opinion but to go on about it so
much was unbelievable. No one
really wanted to know.

I can understand why Ron

Greenwood didn't make any
comment after the game. He did
the right thing. Mike should solve
his own problems without
becoming involved in ours.

I have heard since that he has
offered to give Ron inside
information on Czechoslovakia,
who played Wales twice in their
World Cup qualifying group. But
how can Ron go to him for help
now? It's out of the question.

England's performance didn't
deserve criticism. The only thing
we lacked was goals. I saw some
encouraging stuff and we played
some good balls in.

Terry Butcher looked as if he
really wanted to play and to make
a World Cup place his own. Bryan
Robson got forward well, played
some good balls and made some

COLUMN

Right: Match Weekly columnist Kevin Keegan in action for Southampton. 'England's win over Wales added to our growing confidence,' he says.

great tackles; and up front Peter Withe caused problems without really getting a chance to score.

Kenny Sansom also made some good openings and you can rely on him not to give much away.

Big Joe Corrigan won't mind me saying that he is England's third best 'keeper, but he still looked World class.

Trevor Francis played well and it was great to see him score his first goal for England in two years. It came from the same set piece we used when I scored in our 1-1 draw with Athletic Bilbao last month.

There's no doubt that a lot of goals in the World Cup will come from set pieces, so it's rewarding to see this one working for us.

If Zico had been the scorer instead of Trevor the TV would have shown it 20 times, going into fits about the Brazilian dead ball skills. We can do it as well.

It's a pity that we didn't turn our superiority over Wales into more goals, but it's not something that worries me. Remember that we have the country's best goalscorers in the squad and you know that in the next game they are likely to stick them away ... just as we did against Northern Ireland.

Fantastic

I'd certainly be worried if we were not creating the chances. We created plenty in Cardiff and any other time we would have put them in.

I'm not saying that we played fantastic in that game. The team performed quite well on a difficult pitch.

You rarely see a great Home International. There is too much familiarity about the whole thing. But it played an important part in our build-up and added to our already growing confidence.

England have now won four matches on the trot. Good results against Holland and Scotland in May will take us into that crucial first game with France in just the right frame of mind.

Success in football, like many other sports, is all about building runs. Confidence improves with each good result and instead of going into a game hoping not to lose, you go out confident of winning.

The England and Southampton skipper gives his exclusive views on the events that surrounded England's headline-making British Championship clash with Wales.

Hopefully, we will peak at just the right time. It will be a team that peaks during the Finals, and not before, that carries off the World Cup. That is why I don't think West Germany will win it — they have played their best football and may be on the decline when the time arrives.

We already have a decided advantage over France. Their preparations took an unexpected knock with the recent 1-0 defeat at the hands of Peru and that will have jarred their confidence.

Peru looked good but England would beat them nine times out of ten. France's failure will have sown little seeds of doubt in the mind of manager Michel Hidalgo.

Are some of the players he has pencilled in really going to do it for him in Spain? That's what he'll be thinking about now as he considers England's smoother build-up and considers our World Cup clash on June 16.



● Kevin Keegan was talking to Melvyn Bagnall.

MY WINNERS

THIS week I have the lucky task of announcing six competition winners.

Match Weekly asked you to select a side from all the many players taking part in Spain — and I agreed to pick out the six teams that I considered to be the best.

It wasn't an easy task I can tell you, but after much thought I have come up with the following six winners:

E. Lawrence of Greenwich, London; K. Snoxell, Milton Keynes; N. O'Neill, Newry, Co. Down; J. Diggins, Luton, Beds; S. Morri, Blackpool; and P. Carter, Farnworth, Bolton. Their selected sides are published on page 28.

Each winner will receive a copy of Brian Glanville's

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Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

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The fair is being staged at the Liverpool Supporters' Club in Lower Breck Road, on Saturday, May 15 (11am) as a prelude to the club's vital First Division clash with Tottenham at Anfield.

Hats off to Wayne

LUTON'S Wayne Turner didn't seem to have much of a future with the Second Division club after going to Lincoln on loan earlier this season.

But the midfield player was recalled last month, and he has made his mark in Luton's bid for promotion.

He repaid some of manager David Pleat's faith in him by scoring in the 1-1 draw at Cambridge — his first goal for the club.

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ENGLAND skipper Kevin Keegan was overshadowed by Darlington's David Speedie in a recent friendly clash at Feedham.

David, a former 'Matchman of the Month', scored a hat-trick in the Fourth Division club's 5-2 victory over Southampton.

The match was watched by Darlington's biggest crowd for 14 years — 9,415 — and raised £10,000 towards the club's survival fund.

Did you know?

EX-ENGLAND striker Trevor Whymark, now with Grimsby after spells abroad, is the only player who has twice scored four goals in a European cup tie.

When he was with Ipswich, he scored four against Lazio in the Fairs Cup in 1973-74 and four more against Sweden's Landskroba in the 1977 UEFA Cup.

● IT was lucky thirteen for Bristol Rovers teenager Steve Bailey. He marked his 13th League appearance for the Third Division club by scoring his first goal. And it came in the last minute to earn Rovers a 2-1 home victory over Walsall.

DARREN STORMS TO STARDOM

MIDDLESBROUGH'S Darren Wood is being hailed as a new Duncan Edwards.

That's how highly the 17-year-old former England schoolboy international is rated by ex-Newcastle hero Jackie Milburn.

"This lad is another Duncan Edwards," he says. "He'll take English football by storm."

The youngster scored his first senior goal in the 3-0 home defeat of Notts County.

In the same match, full-back Ian Bailey grabbed his first goal of the season, and Ian Bolton also chalked up his first goal for the club since his summer move from Sunderland.

Nish signs

FORMER Leicester and Derby full-back David Nish, once the country's most expensive footballer, has signed for Midland League side Shepshed Charterhouse.

STAMP OFFER

THE World Cup is set to boost sausage sales!

Walls Meat are currently running a special offer on certain packs of skinless sausages — enabling the purchaser to obtain sets of World Cup stamps simply by sending off the specially flashed wrappers.

STEIN ON THE SPOT

LUTON striker Brian Stein asked manager David Pleat whether he could take the penalties in the absence of spot kick king David Moss.

The boss agreed and in the very first game Luton were awarded two penalties at the expense of Newcastle.

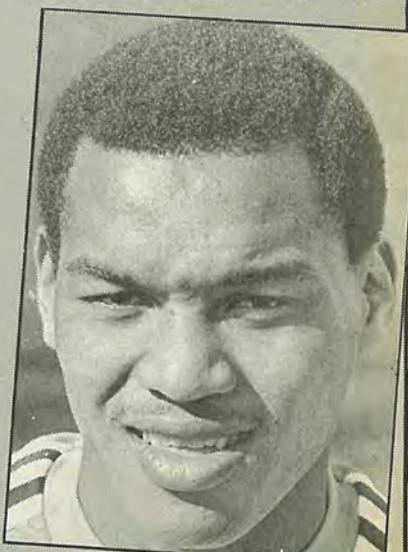
Without further ado, Brian stepped in to score both times and complete a hat-trick as Luton came from two goals down to take another step nearer the First Division.

"I had never taken a penalty before for the club, but I was confident enough," says Brian.

"They were not the best of penalties, but both of them went in to clinch a crucial 3-2 victory."

Brian was carried shoulder high by delighted Luton fans at the end.

"It's not a day I am likely to forget," he says.



Brian Stein — unforgettable day.

JUST THE TICKET FOR TREVOR

TREVOR Christie hopes his hat-trick in Notts County's 4-1 demolition of Brighton last month will earn him a regular First Division place.

The 23-year-old former Leicester striker, County's top scorer last season when achieving promotion from the Second Division, has spent a fair time this term on the substitute's bench.

But after his first-ever League hat-trick, he hopes things will change.

"I've been substitute nearly as often as I've been in the side," he says.

"But it's nice to know that I can find the back of the net."

"The boss picks the side, but the hat-trick must have reminded him of what I can do."

Cardiff's Euro' bid

CARDIFF and Swansea will, next week, be battling for a place in next season's European Cup Winners' Cup.

The clash in the Welsh Cup Final which is being played over two legs on May 10 and 17.

Swansea, the holders, were held to a shock goalless home draw by non-League Bangor in the second leg of their Semi-Final, but went through by virtue of their 2-1 victory in the first meeting.

Cardiff, in the Final for the first time in five years, overcame Fourth Division Hereford 2-1 on aggregate — all the goals coming in the second leg at Ninian Park.

Stuart Phillips put Hereford ahead, but Tarki Micallef and Gary Stevens clinched victory for Cardiff.

HERO TURNED VILLAIN

FOOTBALL is a game of contrasting fortunes . . . ask Coventry's young striker Mark Hateley.

Last month he became an overnight hero with two goals on his debut for England Under-21's against Poland earning them a place in the Semi-Finals of the European Championship.

But in the first leg of the Semi against Scotland two weeks later he was sent off along with West Ham's Ray Stewart.

This time his Coventry striking partner Garry Thompson was the goal hero with the first half winner.

The competition for places in the County attack was stepped up this season by the purchase of Orient winger John Chiedozie and the return to fitness of Rachid Harkouk and Gordon Mair.

Apart from dropping a hint to County manager Jimmy Sirrel, Trevor also produced the goods in front of his parents.

"It was only the third game they had seen me play at Meadow Lane this season, and I've scored in all three," he says.

"It was a great feeling when the third goal went in, especially because my parents were watching the game.

"After that, I just wanted the referee to blow his whistle so I could get the ball."



Hat-trick hero Trevor Christie — blasted a reminder to the boss.

POP TRIO

CARLISLE player-coach Bryan 'Pop' Robson celebrated his 250th league goal in the best possible way . . . by going on to score a hat-trick!

His first goal in the 3-2 home defeat of Exeter took him to his landmark and his other two kept Carlisle on course for the Third Division Championship.

Derby's Kevin Hector is the only other current Football League player who has topped the 250 mark.

He currently stands on 267 League goals from spells with Derby, and the now defunct Bradford Park Avenue.

'Pop', who joined Carlisle last season, has scored his goals with Newcastle (81), West Ham (94 in two spells), Sunderland (57 in two spells) and Carlisle (20).

Seconds out . . .

IT didn't take Preston defender Andy McAtee long to fall foul of the referee in a recent clash with Fulham.

He was booked for a foul after just three seconds of the Third Division match which ended in a 3-1 victory for the promotion chasing Londoners.

Hard times!

EVEN the big clubs are finding the need to prune their playing staff in the present recession. What a change from the 1951-52 season when mighty Arsenal started the campaign with a professional staff of 57!

JACKSON TO THE RESCUE

VETERAN goalkeeper John Jackson, England's answer to Italy's Dino Zoff, helped Ipswich stay on course for the First Division title with an emergency appearance against Manchester United . . . at the tender age of 39!

John, who made his last First Division appearance with Crystal Palace nine years ago, joined Ipswich on a free transfer from Millwall at the start of the season to cover Paul Cooper.

But with both Cooper and Laurie Sivell injured, John was forced into action and he made several fine saves in Ipswich's 2-1 win.

Wyndham's windfall

SWANSEA'S long-serving full-back Wyndham Evans has made a club record £21,000 from his testimonial season.

Wyndham has made almost 350 League appearances for the club, but hasn't played in the First Division this season.

SUBBUTEO CORNER

DAVID Lambert (16) of Raithby, Lincs, is the new Junior Subbuteo Champion of England.

He will now go on to represent his country in the Subbuteo World Cup to be held in Barcelona in June.

David won the title when he beat seven other finalists at the Football Association headquarters in London.

He beat John Booth of Reddish, Lincs, 3-0 in the final.

Meanwhile 36-year-old Norman Gleave of Great Sankey, Cheshire, is the new Senior Subbuteo Champion and he too will go on to represent his country in Spain.

He beat Darren Wise of Coningsby, Lincs, 2-1 in the final.

Rovers double

BRISTOL Rovers completed the first 'double' over Bristol City for almost fifty years over Easter.

But the 2-1 victory at Ashton Gate was marred by the news that Rovers had two points deducted by the League for fielding an unregistered player in the 1-1 draw at Newport in March.

Apprentice defender Steve Bailey was upgraded to professional status before the match, but the forms failed to arrive at the League headquarters in time.

My Story by

FRANK WORTHINGTON



BILL Shankly stood in the doorway of his hotel room and said: "Frank, son, we need you. Do you want to come and play for Liverpool?"

It seemed like a dream come true. Instead it turned out to be a nightmare . . .

I'd just got off the plane at Heathrow Airport after an England Under-23 tour of Poland and Russia when I was met by the Liverpool chairman, who said that Bill Shankly was waiting for me in a hotel just round the corner.

I just couldn't believe it. I'd expected to be met by Leicester boss Jimmy Bloomfield who had tried to sign me from Huddersfield, before I left for the tour.

'Shanks' detailed the personal terms, but I wasn't really listening. I was just so excited about the prospect of joining one of the greatest club sides in the world.

Cameras

After staying the night in London, we travelled up to Anfield where I signed on the dotted line and then faced the press and television cameras as Liverpool's new £120,000 striker.

The whole deal was subject to a medical, so after being introduced to the press, I went through what I considered to be the formality of a check-up.

The very last test performed by the doctor was to check my blood pressure but it was too high! I was staggered.

I didn't like the doctor's attitude at the time. He was very nasty and cynical. He told me that with blood pressure like mine, I shouldn't be playing professional football. He just wrote me off.

But 'Shanks' was great. He told me to go on holiday for a couple of weeks and then come back for another test.

I didn't get the rest I needed in Majorca so when I returned

Bill Shankly was waiting for me: 'Frank, son,

to Liverpool, the blood pressure was still too high and the deal was called off.

I'd heard in between times that Liverpool were chasing another striker and they eventually signed Peter Cormack from Nottingham Forest.

So it wasn't really a surprise when 'Shanks' called me into his office and told me that Liverpool would have to pull out on medical advice.

He was sick. I was even sicker. It was the lowest point of my career.

I knew that there was nothing really wrong with my blood pressure. For reasons I'll explain later, I had a lot on my mind and had been drinking too much.

I can't help thinking that, had the deal gone through that August in 1972, I'd have earned eight or nine times more than my paltry eight England caps and won nearly every club honour in the game.

The whole episode was a frightening and traumatic experience for me. As soon as the Liverpool deal fell through, Huddersfield whipped me into hospital for two weeks.

There I underwent a series of tests and was discharged a very relieved man. I'd been given a clean bill of health.

I started the next season training with Huddersfield, but there was no way I was going to stay at Leeds Road. The club had just been relegated back to the Second Division and I was in dispute with manager Ian Greaves.

Unknown

After gaining promotion in 1969-70, we managed to stay in the top flight for just two seasons. In our first term back, we managed to stay up because we were an unknown quantity — fit and full of running.

But time finds people out, and in our second season the writing was on the wall. Manager Ian Greaves hadn't added any class players to the squad and we were doomed for relegation.

The relegation season of 1971-72 turned out to be a really bad year for me because my father died and that hit me harder than anything in my whole life.

With that and the football not going too well, I started hitting the nightclubs and drinking more than I should have done.

Drink never took me over. I was just trying to escape and put everything out of my mind, but in the end it cost me a dream move to

FORMER England centre forward Frank Worthington is telling all . . . and he's telling it to 'Match'.

Here, in the second part of his fascinating life story, he tells of the time he was rejected by Liverpool . . . his playboy image . . . and the problems that finally led to him leaving Huddersfield.

Liverpool.

I was also taking more than a passing interest in the opposite sex, and being a relatively successful footballer helped me no end in pursuing that particular hobby!

Although players try not to let it affect them, you feel as though there's a big weight on your shoulders when you're down at the bottom of the table.

That's why Trevor Cherry, Roy Ellam and myself tried to give the lads a lift — and ended up being lambasted in the press.

Morale at the club was low and we felt that the players needed an extra incentive to try and keep them in the First Division.

The three of us went to see Ian Greaves and asked him for a bonus if we managed to stay in the top flight. He took it the wrong way and thought we were holding a gun to his head.

Huddersfield had just failed to buy Hugh Curran from Wolves for £45,000 and we felt that if they had that sort of money to spend, then they could afford to offer us a cash incentive. At the time, the players needed something else to aim at.

Ian made a big issue of our demands in the press and



Left:
Southampton's
Mike Channon
— star of an
impromptu
cabaret on an
England tour of
Russia . . . until
our hosts
decided to clear
the stage!



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made us the scapegoats. The unfortunate thing about the whole affair was that the rest of the players didn't back us up.

So when we were finally relegated along with Nottingham Forest, I knew that my days at the club were numbered.

Although it was a season of general disappointment, there was some consolation in the close season when I was called up by Sir Alf Ramsey for the England Under-23 tour.

Horrible

Going behind the Iron Curtain was a totally different experience for me. As soon as you walk off the plane, the atmosphere hits you — it's horrible.

Poland wasn't too bad and the team played brilliantly to win 3-0. I made my debut and scored with a spectacular volley from outside the box.

But it was Russia — the big prison — that I found really oppressive. It was a drab, dull place and crawling with armed guards.

After drawing 0-0, we were invited to a banquet in a restaurant in Kiev — the only one in the place judging by the look of the town!

Before the meal, if you can

call it that because the food was diabolical, Sir Alf warned us to behave ourselves as the Russians would be looking for any excuse to detain us.

But we were a little merry so when the band went offstage for a break, Mike Channon took up the microphone and gave us his own rendering of Benny Hill's 'Ernie — The Fastest Milkman in The West'.

Some of the others couldn't resist a turn on stage so we formed an impromptu band which included myself on the drums and Tony Currie playing the clarinet.

The Russians cleared us off the stage — not before I detected a smile from one of them — and told us to behave.

But the real trouble could have flared up when Kevin Keegan accidentally knocked a wine glass over the balcony.

It smashed on the pavement below and the whole place went quiet. As quick as a flash, Sir Alf

ordered: "Everyone up", and he whipped us out of the restaurant.

It could have been a nasty incident, but Sir Alf brilliantly defused the situation. Even though Eastern Europe isn't my idea of the best place to go on an England tour, I enjoyed the trip. It was great experience for me.

It was just unfortunate that some of the great players who played over there — including Tony Currie and Alan Hudson — never really got a chance to shine for England at full level.

But that's another story and has a lot to do with a certain Don Revie.

● Frank Worthington was talking to Anthony Hawkswell



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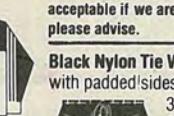
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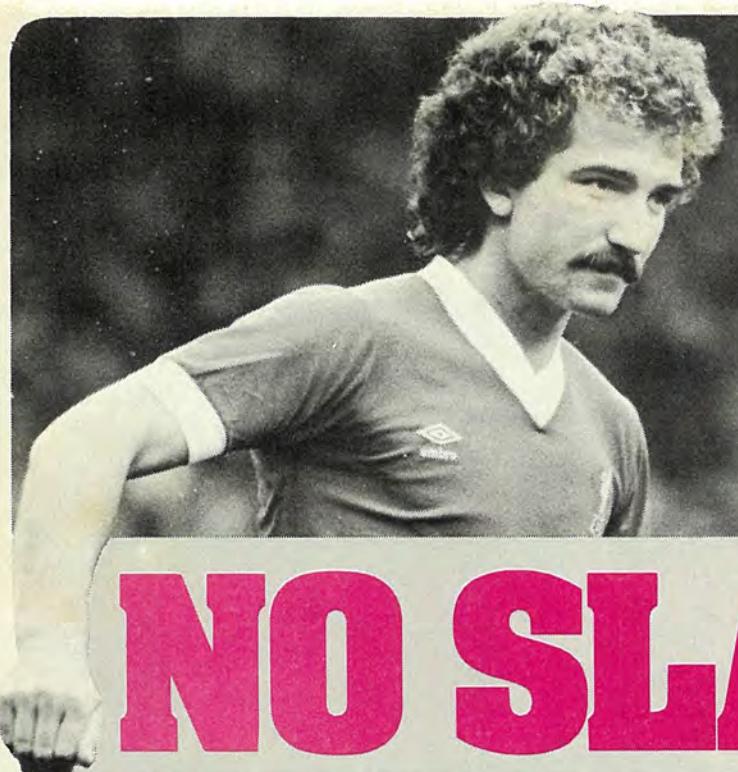
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By the time you read this, I should have made my return to first team duty following a back injury. I trained all last week and didn't suffer any reaction.

I was due to play against Nottingham Forest at Anfield last Saturday, and that would have been my first game for almost a month — the longest I've ever been out of the Liverpool team.

It's been terrible sitting on the sidelines — especially with the lads chasing honours.

With me out, Phil Thompson took over again as captain, while Mark Lawrenson moved from the centre of defence to take my midfield role.

But now I'm looking forward to taking an active part in the run-in.

Saturday sees us travel to St. Andrews for a tough game against relegation-troubled Birmingham and it's not a trip we're relishing.

St. Andrews has never been a happy hunting ground for Liverpool and last season we were held to a 1-1 draw there.

New manager Ron Saunders is building a side along the same lines as the one he had at Aston Villa and that meant there was no room for Frank Worthington, who quickly moved to Leeds.

We beat Birmingham 3-1 in March at Anfield but I was particularly impressed with their transfer deadline day signing, Mick Harford.

It was only his second game for 'The Blues' but he seemed to have settled in well and he scored their consolation goal.

On the European front I was

No rest until title is ours

delighted to see Aston Villa reach the final of the European Cup, although I must admit I felt very envious as I watched the game on television.

They turned in a great performance against Anderlecht and the Belgians never really looked like scoring. Considering that many of Villa's players had never played in a European competition before, they've picked it up very quickly.

But they'll have their work cut out in the Final against West Germany's Bayern Munich. It's going to be a very close game and neither side will be giving anything away.

When you talk about Bayern, the first player usually mentioned is European Footballer of the Year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, but for me skipper Paul Breitner is the man who makes them tick.

When we played Bayern in last season's European Cup Semi-Final second leg, Liverpool manager Bob Paisley regarded Breitner so dangerous that he detailed young Sammy Lee to follow him everywhere — and that's the first time in my career at Liverpool that we've given someone a man-to-man marking role.

Sammy did a great job and blotted out the Bayern captain

Sammy Lee in action against Paul Breitner in last year's European Cup. Sammy was given a man-to-man marking job to do and it was the first time in my career at Anfield that I've known us to employ that tactic.



completely. I reckon Villa's Des Bremner is the man for that job in this year's Final.

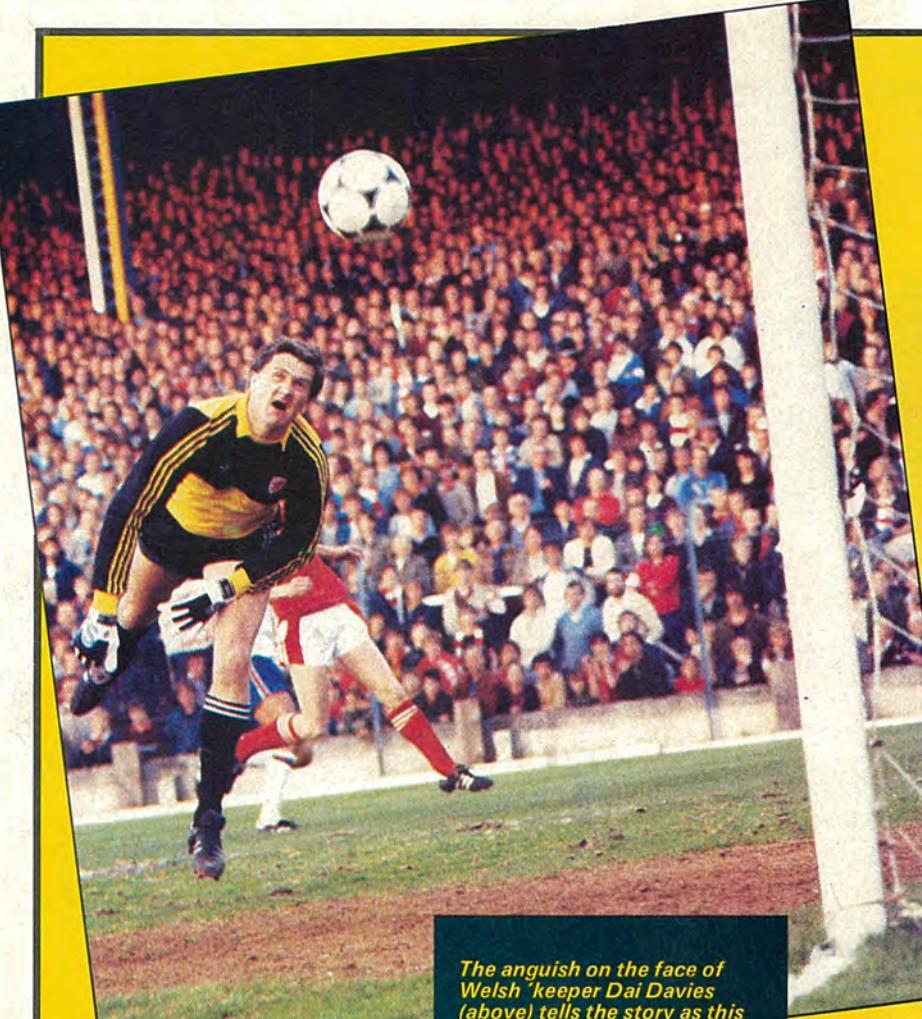
I was sad to see Tottenham bow out of the European Cup

Winners' Cup, but they've still got the FA Cup to chase. Obviously, I'm hoping they don't win the Championship.

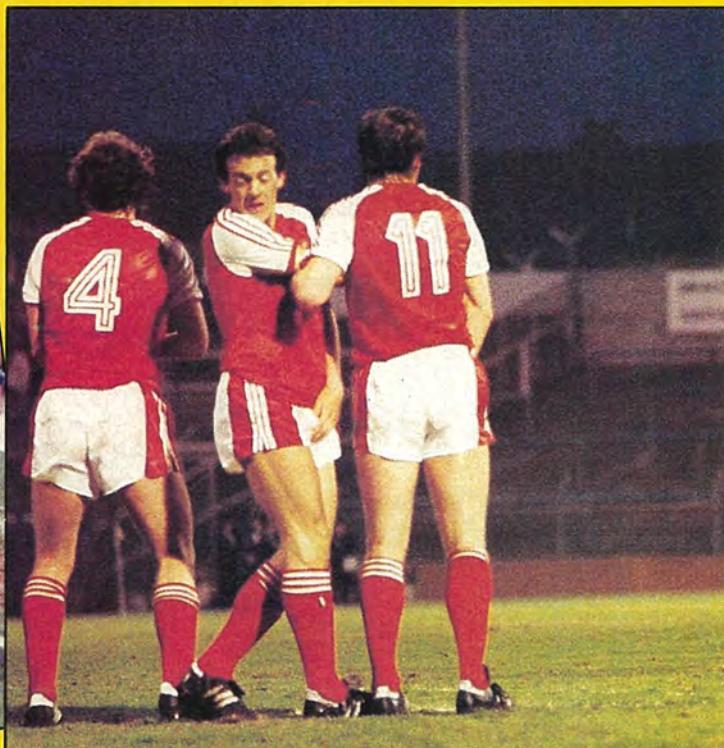
Even if they only win the Cup, they'll have had a great season. It's tremendous for the players to be involved in so many competitions.

● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

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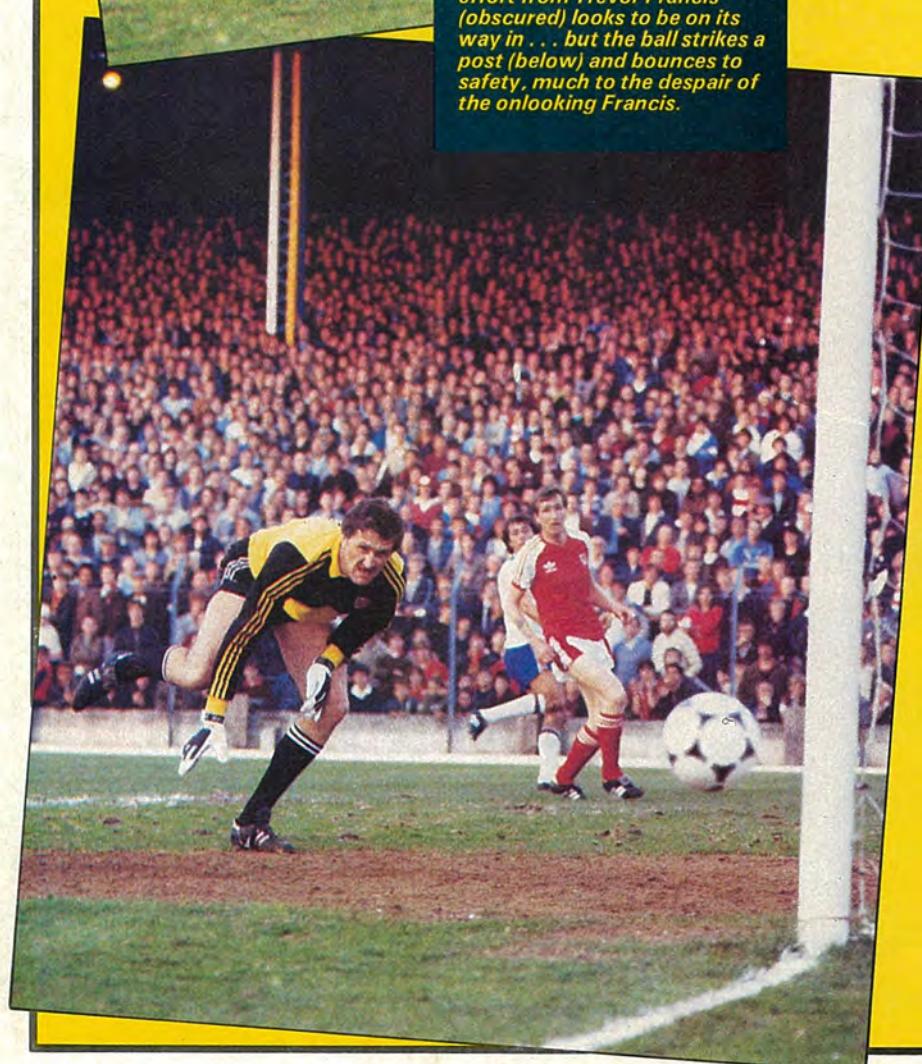
The anguish on the face of Welsh 'keeper Dai Davies (above) tells the story as this effort from Trevor Francis (obscured) looks to be on its way in . . . but the ball strikes a post (below) and bounces to safety, much to the despair of the onlooking Francis.



Francis gem

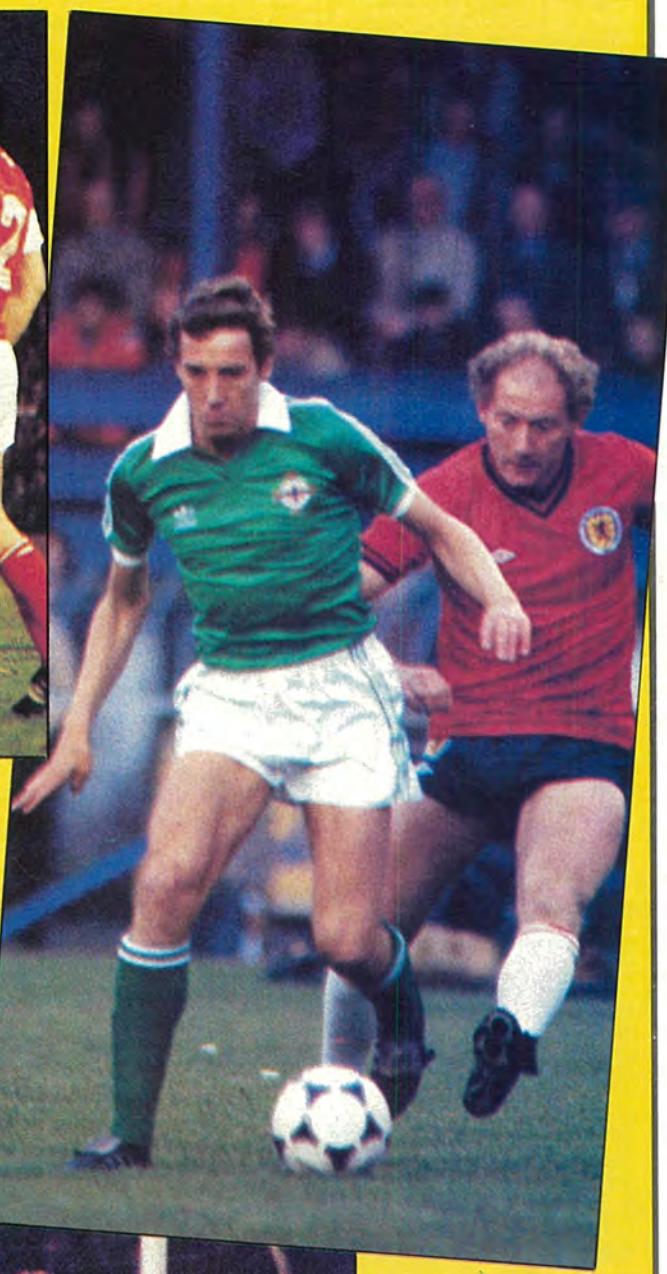
ENGLAND preserved their position at the top of the British Championship table with a 1-0 victory over Wales at Ninian Park last week and so earned themselves another vital

confidence-booster in readiness for Spain. A Trevor Francis goal — his first in two years for England — proved to be enough to give Ron Greenwood's men



COMES UP TRUMPS

One nil! Trevor Francis whacks home the free-kick that gave England an important World Cup warm-up victory in Cardiff.



kills off Wales

their first win over Wales since 1978.

And that means that England have now strung together four wins on the trot.

Meanwhile, N. Ireland and Scotland

fought out their third draw in four meetings when they clashed in the British Championship in Belfast.

John Wark gave Scotland the lead but Sammy McIlroy equalised for the Irish

to stop a run which had seen them lose their last two internationals 4-0.

This picture special brings you the first colour action from the two matches . . .



Above: Scottish striker Alan Brazil moves in to challenge the man in possession — Northern Ireland's Sammy Nelson.

Left: Northern Ireland's Sammy McIlroy blasts a free-kick goalwards but the Scottish wall does its job.

HUNGARY

THE current Hungary team is as unpredictable as their famous predecessors were devastating.

The legend of the likes of Puska, Kocsis, Bozsik and Hidegkuti still burns brightly, leaving the current generation of Hungarian internationals

HOW THEY GOT THERE

EUROPEAN GROUP FOUR:
Switzerland 2, Hungary 2 (Balint, Muller) — Lucerne, April 28, 1981.
Hungary 1 (Fazekas), Rumania 0 — Budapest, May 13, 1981.
Norway 1, Hungary 2 (Kiss 2) — Oslo, May 20, 1981.
Hungary 1 (Garaba), England 3 — Budapest, June 6, 1981.
Rumania 0, Hungary 0 — Bucharest, Sept. 23, 1981.
Hungary 3 (Nyilasi 2, Fazekas), Switzerland 0 — Budapest, Oct. 14, 1981.
Hungary 4 (Kiss 2, Balint, Fazekas), Norway 1 — Budapest, Oct. 31, 1981.
England 1, Hungary 0 — Wembley, Nov. 18, 1981.
LEADING SCORERS: Kiss 4, Fazekas 3.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HUNGARY	8	4	2	2	13	8	10
England	8	4	1	3	13	8	9
Rumania	8	2	4	2	5	5	8
Switzerland	8	2	3	3	9	12	7
Norway	8	2	2	4	8	15	6

MATCH VERDICT *

HUNGARY will have to produce more commitment and quality than they showed in their two qualifying matches with England to push Argentina or Belgium out of the Second Round.

There is talent in the Hungarian squad, some of it a spent force, but manager Kalman Meszoly has problems in harnessing all his team's strengths.

Unless they can produce something other than their recent run of the mill performances, they are unlikely to dampen Argentinian and Belgian hopes.

• FIRST ROUND EXIT

They're so unpredictable

fighting a losing battle against the inevitable comparisons.

The fact that they topped England's group in the qualifying tournament was as much a triumph for administration as their players.

They were last to start their fixtures, picked up valuable points from the weaker nations and could still afford two insipid performances against England.

Hungary can produce the unexpected on their day, as they

did in the 3-1 defeat of Brazil during the 1966 World Cup in England, but those events are few and far between.

They not only lost all three games in Argentina, but had two of their more talented individuals, Tibor Nyilasi and Andras Torocsik, sent off in their game against the eventual winners.

And, as fate would decree, Hungary have again been paired in the same group as Argentina.

Torocsik and Nyilasi have the ability to compete with the best in the world, but temperament often over-rides their skills.

Veteran winger László Fazekas, the durable Sándor Sallai, who shadowed England skipper Kevin Keegan during Hungary's 1-0 defeat at Wembley last November, and goalkeeper Ferenc Mészáros are just three of the probable squad who operate with foreign clubs.

But, as indicated by Hungary's recent 2-1 home defeat by Peru, they are encountering problems in reaching the right formula in time for Spain.

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP THREE:
June 15 — El Salvador (Elche).
June 18 — Argentina (Alicante).
June 22 — Belgium (Elche).

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

1934, 1938 (runners-up), 1954 (runners-up), 1958, 1962 (quarter-finalists), 1966 (quarter-finalists), 1978.

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This week, it's the turn of Hungary and Italy.

Probable squad

PLAYER	AGE	TEAM	POSITION	CAPS
Ferenc MÉSZÁROS	32	Sporting Lisbon	Goalkeeper	24
Bela KATZIRZ	28	Pecsi Dozsa	Goalkeeper	15
László KAKAS	28	Ferencvaros	Goalkeeper	5
György MARTOS	33	Lierse	Defender	25
Imre GARABA	24	Honved	Defender	16
László BALINT	34	Toulouse	Defender	72
József TOTH	31	Ujpest Dozsa	Defender	44
Attila KERÉKAS	27	Bekescsaba	Defender	14
Tibor RAB	27	Ferencvaros	Defender	19
József VARGA	28	Honved	Defender	11
Tibor NYILASI	27	Ferencvaros	Midfield	47
Sándor MULLER	34	Hercules	Midfield	13
Sándor SALLAI	22	Debrecen	Midfield	9
Gábor SZANTO	24	Ferencvaros	Midfield	12
György KERÉKAS	25	Debrecen	Midfield	5
Gábor POLOSKEI	22	Ferencvaros	Midfield	7
László FAZEKAS	35	Antwerp	Striker	85
András TOROCSIK	27	Ujpest Dozsa	Striker	32
László KISS	26	Vasas Budapest	Striker	20
Ignac IZSÓ	25	Vasas Budapest	Striker	7
Bela BODONYI	26	Honved	Striker	10
Bela VARADI	29	Vasas Budapest	Striker	34



ITALY

Are they a spent force?

THE face of Italian football is without a smile at the moment.

Pipe-smoking manager Enzo Bearzot is under intense pressure to make the pieces fit in time for the World Cup Finals.

Although comfortable qualifiers from Group Five with Yugoslavia, the Italians hardly finished with a flourish to offer their fans any grounds for optimism this summer.

They crashed 3-1 in Denmark, could only share the honours with Yugoslavia and Greece, and managed just a solitary 1-0 home win over the 'no-hoppers' from Luxembourg.

Their undistinguished performances, hindered by the absence of star men Paolo Rossi, Roberto Bettega and Giancarlo Antognoni for a variety of reasons, have left question marks over their ability to make a big impression in Spain.

There is still that hard, mean streak running through the backbone of the team in the shape of Antonio Cabrini, Claudio Gentile, Gaetano Scirea and Marco Tardelli, backed up by the grandfather of goalkeepers, 40-year-old Dino Zoff.

But much will depend on



ITALY — Back row (left to right): Dino Zoff, Roberto Bettega, Alessandro Altobelli, Gaetano Scirea, Fulvio Collovati, Claudio Gentile. Front row: Antonio Cabrini, Gianpiero Marini, Bruno Conti, Francesco Graziani, Marco Tardelli.

whether Rossi, Bettega and Antognoni can recapture the flair and invention necessary to profit from the patient, negative style that is the very hallmark of Italian football.

Since finishing fourth when staging the 1980 European Championships, the Italians appear to have fallen a few rungs down the ladder of standards.

They failed miserably in last year's Gold Cup tournament in

Uruguay and stuttered in the closing stages of the World Cup qualifying programme.

The possible return of Rossi after suspension for his part in the bribes scandal could turn the tide in their favour.

He was their trump card in Argentina when he took over from Graziani on the eve of the 1978 Finals and spearheaded them to victory over the hosts. Maybe Bearzot has another ace this time?

HOW THEY GOT THERE

EUROPEAN GROUP FIVE:
Luxembourg 0, Italy 2 (Collovati, Bettega) — Luxembourg, Oct. 11, 1980.
Italy 2 (Graziani 2), Denmark 0 — Rome, Nov. 1, 1980.
Italy 2 (Cabrini, Conti), Yugoslavia 0 — Torino, Nov. 15, 1980.
Greece 0, Italy 2 (Antognoni, Scirea) — Athens, Dec. 6, 1980.
Denmark 3, Italy 1 (Graziani) — Copenhagen, June 3, 1981.
Yugoslavia 1, Italy 1 (Bettega) — Belgrade, Oct. 17, 1981.
Italy 1 (Conti), Greece 1 — Torino, Nov. 14, 1981.
Italy 1 (Collovati), Luxembourg 0 — Naples, Dec. 5, 1981.
LEADING SCORERS: Graziani 3, Bettega, Conti, Collovati 2.

MATCH VERDICT ★★

IF Italy fail to reach the second stage in Spain, then their players had better seek political asylum.

The Italians had a somewhat unfriendly welcome on their return from a 1-0 friendly defeat in East Germany last month which was a foretaste of what they can expect if they are embarrassed by Peru and Cameroon.

Despite their jaded look after a sequence of disappointing performances, Italy should possess enough ability to join Poland in the Second Round.

● SECOND ROUND

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

June 14 — Poland (Vigo).
June 18 — Peru (Vigo).
June 23 — Cameroon (Vigo).

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

1934 (winners), 1938 (winners), 1950, 1954, 1962, 1966, 1970 (runners-up), 1974, 1978 (Fourth).

COLOURS

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Probable squad

PLAYER	AGE	TEAM	POSITION	CAPS
Dino ZOFF	40	Juventus	Goalkeeper	97
Ivano BORDON	30	Inter-Milan	Goalkeeper	9
Claudio GENTILE	29	Juventus	Defender	54
Fulvio COLLOVATI	24	AC Milan	Defender	24
Gaetano SCIREA	29	Juventus	Defender	47
Antonio CABRINI	25	Juventus	Defender	32
Giuseppe BARESI	24	Inter-Milan	Defender	8
Carlo ANCELOTTI	23	AS Roma	Defender	3
Pietro VIERCHOWOD	23	Fiorentina	Defender	2
Gabriele ORIALI	29	Inter-Milan	Midfield	19
Marco TARDELLI	28	Juventus	Midfield	53
Giancarlo ANTOGNONI	28	Fiorentina	Midfield	59
Gianpiero MARINI	30	Inter-Milan	Midfield	9
Salvatore BAGNI	26	US Perugia	Midfield	3
Giuseppe DOSSENA	23	Bologna	Midfield	7
Franchino BARESI	21	AC Milan	Midfield	1
Paolo ROSSI	25	Juventus	Striker	19
Roberto BETTEGA	31	Juventus	Striker	42
Francesco GRAZIANI	30	Fiorentina	Striker	51
Alessandro ALTOBELLi	26	Inter-Milan	Striker	9
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Spotlight on the free-scoring Scottish youngster who has been keeping two big-money buys on the sidelines at Goodison Park.

SHARP SHOOTER!

EVERTON player-manager Howard Kendall splashed out over £500,000 on two new strikers when he took over at Goodison Park in the close season.

But now Alan Biley and Mike Ferguson are both on the transfer list as young Graeme Sharp has emerged from the reserves to answer the club's goalscoring problems.

Graeme made his first appearance of the season against Notts County in November and scored in a 2-2 draw. He's kept his place ever since.

And his form — ten goals in his first 22 League games this season — earned him a surprise call up to

the Scotland Under-21 squad for last week's match against England.

"Everything is going just right for me at the moment," admitted the 21-year-old, who celebrated his international selection with two goals in Everton's 2-1 home win over Nottingham Forest.

"But I've got to keep the momentum going by scoring goals regularly. That's the only way I'll stay in the first team.

"I knew this was going to be my make or break season with Everton, although the fact that they signed Alan from Derby and Mike from Coventry didn't really worry me.

"It just made me even more determined to battle hard and earn my place. I knew if I did well in the reserves my chance would come.

"My big break came when Peter Eastoe and Mike Ferguson were ruled out of the County game through injury. It was then up to me to make an impression."

Goals

Graeme was signed by former Everton boss Gordon Lee for £125,000 from Scottish club Dumbarton in April 1980. He'd scored 16 goals in 34 League games in his first full season for the part-timers.

"I'd always hoped to make a career out of the game, but when Everton came in for me I was looking for a job after leaving school.

"At the time Aston Villa and Aberdeen were also interested in me, but I decided to try my luck with Everton. They are such a big club and have tremendous facilities."

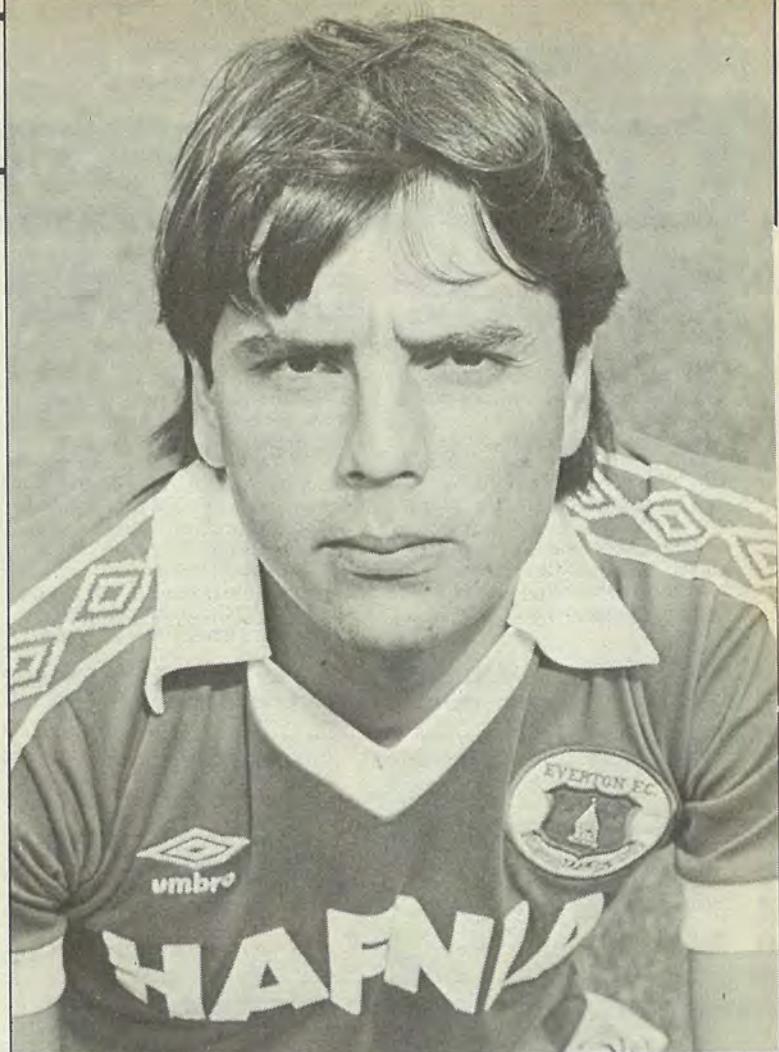
Graeme made his debut for 'The Toffees' soon after crossing the border when he came on as substitute against Brighton at the end of the 1979-80 season.

"Although I made my debut fairly quickly after the move, I expected to spend last season in the reserves. I knew it would take me some time to get used to the football and find my feet.

"I was homesick for the first



ALAN BILEY (above) and Mick Ferguson (below) — sidelined with the emergence of Graeme Sharp.



GRAEME SHARP — "Everything is going just right for me at the moment."

couple of months and missed my family and friends, but it didn't take me that long to settle down and I'm really happy now."

Graeme is the spearhead of the youngest side in the First Division — the average age of the Everton team being 21.

"The manager has put his faith in youth and I believe he's building a very good side here. If we stay together I see no reason

why we can't become a force in the future.

"It's an exciting time for all the lads at Everton and I'm really enjoying myself. The First Division hasn't been as difficult as I thought it would be.

"But I've still got a long way to go before I can consider myself as a regular in the side. Establishing myself is my only aim at the moment," added Graeme.

I'M a 16-year-old Nottingham Forest fan and Gary Mills is my favourite player. I would like a pen pal who supports either Leicester or Spurs. Julie Chadwin, 8 Kirby Close, Newthorpe, Notts. NG16 3QP.

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Mark Smith, 21 Mickledale Lane, Bilsthorpe, Newark, Notts.

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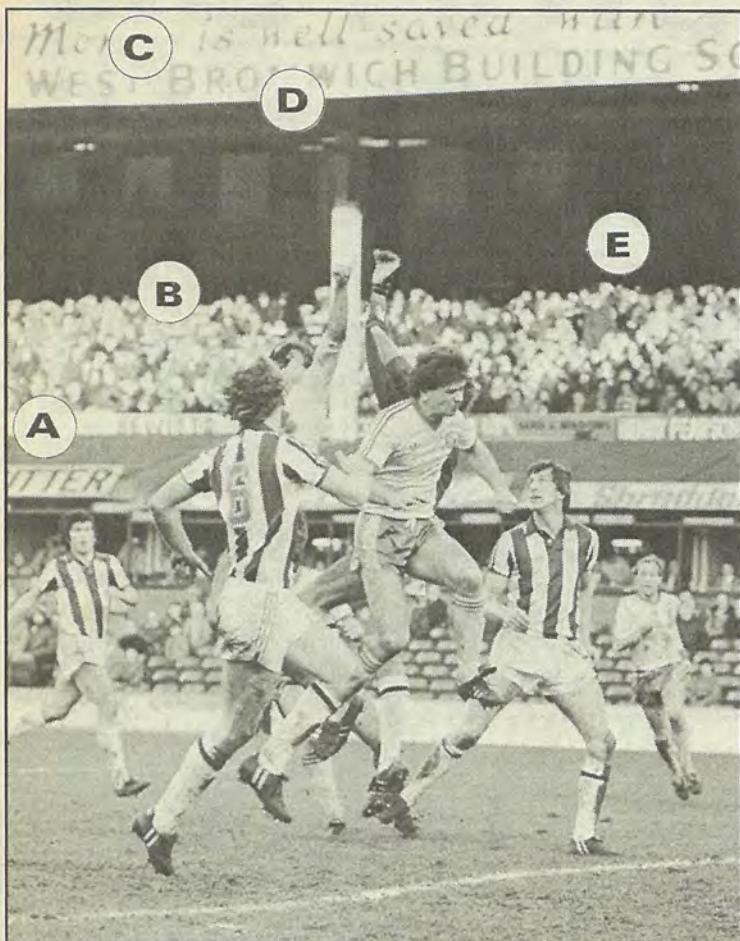
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2. Masny	B. Poland
3. Vandenbergh	C. Italy
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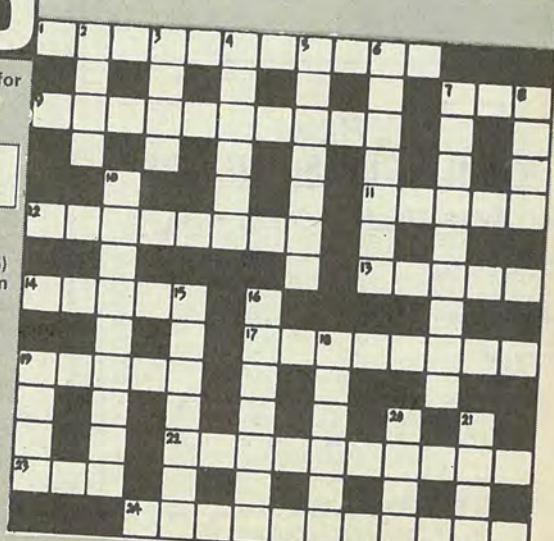
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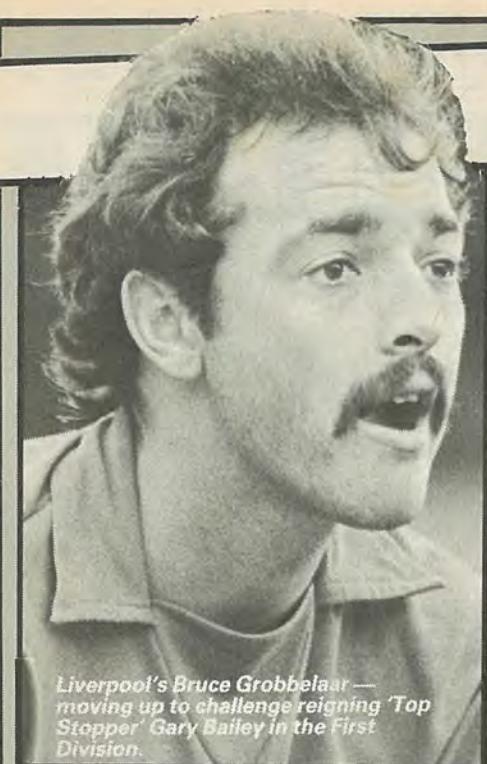
2. Scottish international 'keeper who, like 8 down, played for Blackpool before moving to 12 across — he went to 17 across in 1980 (4)
3. — Robinson was at 12 across before joining 1 across (4)
4. The birds to be seen at Selhurst Park (6)
5. — gum is favoured by many players to help them through a game (7)
6. Ray —, the former referee, sounded as if he had a little bell instead of a whistle! (7)
7. Jimmy, the chap next door, who plays for West Ham United (9)
8. English international 'keeper who began his career with Blackpool and played over 300 games for 12 across club before ending his career with Tranmere (4)
10. Although he plays for Scotland he's named after another country! (3,6)
15. Put the ball over (8)
16. New Zealand beat the — in a play-off to decide who qualified for the World Cup finals (7)
18. Country which was in the same World Cup group as qualifiers Italy and Yugoslavia (6)

19 & 20. Defender who made over 400 appearances for Coventry before he joined Derby this season (4,4)
21. Is this defender a driving force at Lincoln? (4)

Across

1. The current wizards of Wales... though they're not all Welsh (7,4)
2. Clydene's ground is called --- Kilbowie Park (5,5)
3. 'Eric Longen' (anagram) — this former Birmingham City, Wrexham and Wales full-back began his career at 12 across (5,5)
11. The sort of blue which West Ham United wear (5)
12. '0-0 doings' (Anagram) — you'd expect more goals at this Park! (8)
13. Could it be Turner's favourite bird? (5)
14. Defender Mel — joined Hereford from Stoke (5)
17. It sounds like an elevated club near Manchester... but actually it's a ground in London (8)
19. Mr Kempes, maybe (5)
22. The PFA's Young Player of the Year for 1981/82 season (5,5)
23. ... Bates bought up Chelsea a few weeks ago (3)
24. 'Greek played' (Anagram) — on this pitch which belongs to a club near Manchester (7,4)





Liverpool's Bruce Grobbelaar — moving up to challenge reigning 'Top Stopper' Gary Bailey in the First Division.

THE first column after the goalkeeper's name in the table shows the number of League games each 'keeper has played.

The second column shows the number of goals conceded and the third column the average number of minutes play between each goal.

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TOP STOPPERS

GROBBELAAR GAINS GROUND

LIVERPOOL'S Bruce Grobbelaar is poised to mark his first season in Division One by winning Match Weekly's 'Top Stoppers' League.

With a run of five clean sheets in seven matches, the Zimbabwe-born 'keeper has crept up to the shoulder of long-time leader Gary Bailey — the young Manchester United star who lifted the title last season.

England 'B' international Gary has seen his seemingly unassailable advantage of 41 minutes whittled down to just 14 by a series of impressive displays by his Liverpool rival.

Gary, who could be included in England's World Cup squad of 40, had conceded just 22 goals after 33 League matches... an impressive average of 135 minutes between each goal.

The threats imposed by England trio Peter Shilton (Nott'm Forest), Ray Clemence (Tottenham) and Joe Corrigan (Man. City) have subsided, but a new name has emerged on the scene — Arsenal's George Wood.

The former Everton 'keeper has been outstanding since replacing Northern Ireland international Pat Jennings in January, and, at the time our table was put together, had conceded, on average, just one goal a game since then.

In the Second Division, Leicester skipper Mark Wallington has emerged as the new threat to Blackburn's Terry Gennoe, having conceded just 26 goals in 29 matches as Jock Wallace's side make a late push for promotion.

Barnsley's Bobby Horn and Watford's Steve Sherwood have moved into the picture during the past month, while early leader Paul Barron (Crystal Palace) now looks out of the reckoning.

It's also unchanged at the top of Divisions Three and Four, although the two pacemakers have increased the pace.

Lincoln's David Felgate has now moved six minutes clear of Brentford's David McKellar, while Martin Hodge, on loan to Preston from Everton, appears in the leading frame for the first time.

Bournemouth's Ian Leigh has stretched his lead over Bradford's Neil Ramsbottom to 16 minutes in the Fourth Division, where Hereford's Drew Brand comes into the picture for the first time.

It's also as you were in the Scottish Premier with Aberdeen's Jim Leighton leading the way from Celtic's Pat Bonner and Hibernian's Jim McArthur.

DIVISION ONE

	Games	Goals	Ave
1 Gary Bailey (Man. United)	33	22	135
2 Bruce Grobbelaar (Liverpool)	35	26	121
3 Graham Moseley (Brighton)	26	24	97
4 George Wood (Arsenal)	20	20	90
5 Ray Clemence (Tottenham)	32	33	87
6 Dai Davies (Swansea)	36	39	83
7 Peter Shilton (Nott'm Forest)	36	41	79
7 Nev Southall (Everton)	21	24	79
9 Joe Corrigan (Man. City)	35	42	75
10 Phil Parkes (West Ham)	33	40	74
11 Jim Platt (Middlesbrough)	36	45	72
12 Ivan Katalanic (Southampton)	27	34	71
13 Jimmy Rimmer (Aston Villa)	35	45	70
14 Mark Grew (West Brom)	22	29	68
15 John Lukic (Leeds)	34	47	65
15 Jeff Wealands (Birmingham)	23	32	65
17 Paul Cooper (Ipswich)	28	40	63
18 Paul Bradshaw (Wolves)	37	55	61
18 Barry Siddall (Sunderland)	23	34	61
20 Peter Fox (Stoke)	33	51	58
21 Raddy Avramovic (Notts County)	35	55	57
22 Jim Blyth (Coventry)	26	50	47

DIVISION TWO

1 Terry Gennoe (Blackburn)	35	30	105
2 Mark Wallington (Leicester)	29	26	100
3 John Burridge (QPR)	20	19	95
4 Kevin Carr (Newcastle)	37	38	88
4 Bobby Horn (Barnsley)	36	37	88
6 Steve Sherwood (Watford)	35	37	85
6 Paul Barron (C. Palace)	34	36	85

DIVISION THREE

1 David Felgate (Lincoln)	37	33	101
2 David McKellar (Brentford)	39	37	95
3 Roy Burton (Oxford)	39	38	92
4 Martin Hodge (Preston)	21	21	90
5 Trevor Swinburne (Carlisle)	39	41	86
5 John Keeley (Southend)	23	24	86

DIVISION FOUR

1 Ian Leigh (Bournemouth)	31	24	116
2 Neil Ramsbottom (Bradford)	28	25	100
3 Keith Waugh (Sheff. United)	39	36	98
4 Roy Tunks (Wigan)	27	25	97
5 Drew Brand (Hereford)	26	27	87
6 Mark Harrison (Port Vale)	40	43	84

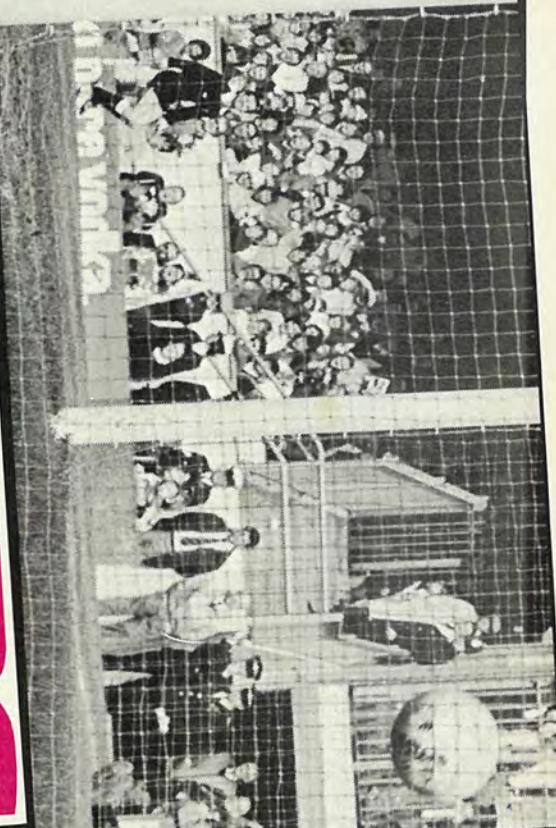
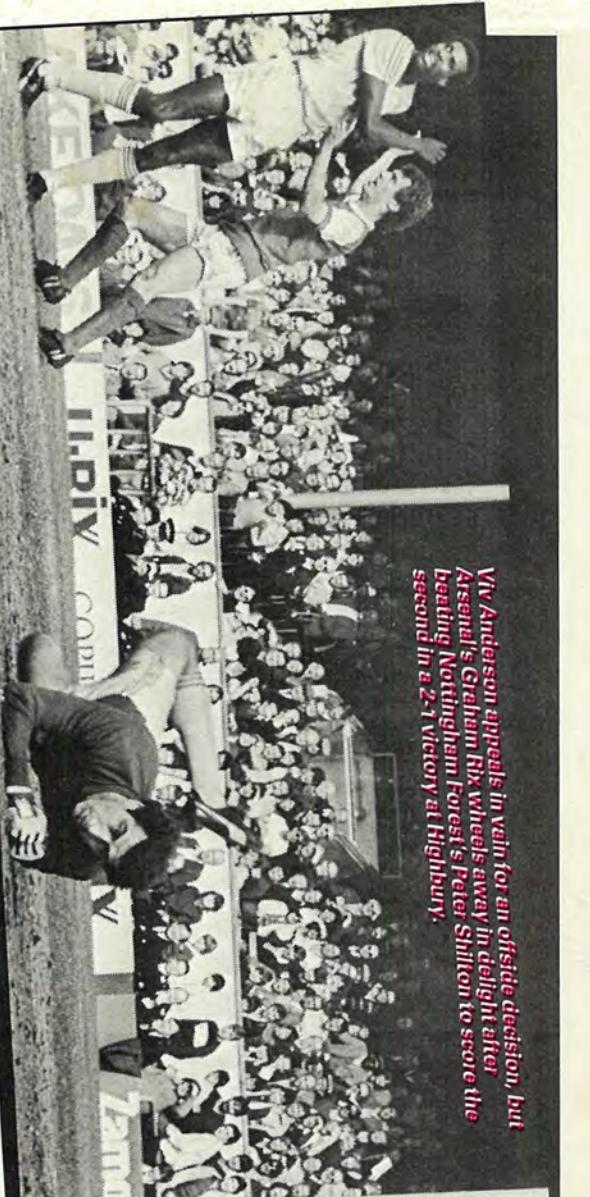
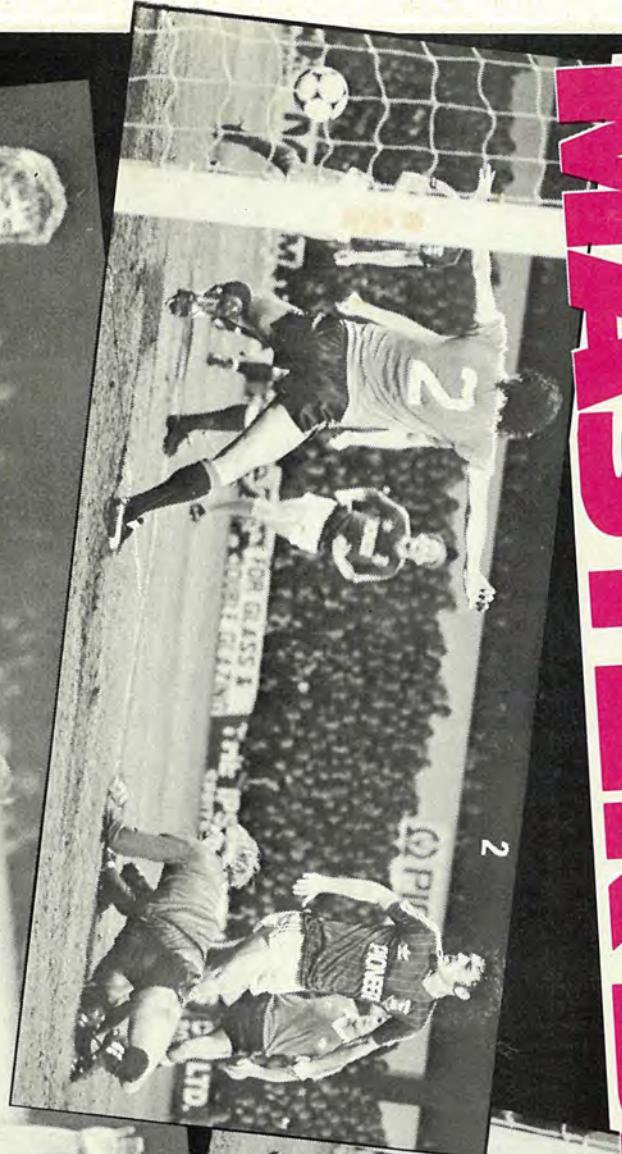
SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Jim Leighton (Aberdeen)	29	26	100
2 Pat Bonner (Celtic)	31	30	93
2 Jim McArthur (Hibernian)	31	30	93
4 Hamish McAlpine (Dundee Utd)	30	31	87

(Tables compiled from League matches up to and including those played on April 21. Only goalkeepers who have played at least 20 games qualify.)

Viv Anderson appeals in vain for an offside decision, but Arsenal's Graham Rix wheels away in delight after beating Nottingham Forest's Peter Shilton to score the second in a 2-1 victory at Highbury.

MASTERBLASTERS



1 Ipswich Town and Scotland star John Wark whacks the ball towards the Manchester United goal with his trusty right foot.

2 United keeper Gary Bailey can only watch as the ball flies over the line. Defender John Gidman makes a despairing lunge but it's too late.

3 It's there! Wark turns away in delight while Arthur Albiston can only hold up his arms in surrender as Ipswich are on their way to a 2-1 win at Portman Road.

ASTON

BACK ROW (left to right): Terry Bullivant, Tony Morley, Jimmy Rimmer, Ken McNaught, Pat Heard.

MIDDLE ROW: Jim Williams (physio), Gary Williams, Colin Gibson, Gary Shaw, Mark Jones, Gordon Cowans, Roy McLaren (assistant manager).



WOLVES



FRONT ROW: Des Bremner,
Allan Evans, Ken Swain,
Tony Barton (manager),
Dennis Mortimer, Peter
Withe, Andy Blair.

match
WEEKLY

Fixtures

Friday, May 7
DIVISION FOUR

Colchester v Stockport.....
York v Halifax.....

Saturday, May 8
DIVISION ONE

Birmingham v Liverpool.....
Brighton v Ipswich.....
Everton v Wolves.....
Man. City v Coventry.....
Middlesbrough v Arsenal.....
Nott'm Forest v Swansea.....
Southampton v Sunderland.....
Stoke v Notts County.....
Tottenham v Leeds.....
West Brom v Aston Villa.....
West Ham v Man. United.....

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v QPR.....
Bolton v Sheff. Wed.....
Cambridge v Charlton.....
Cardiff v C. Palace.....
Chelsea v Luton.....
Newcastle v Wrexham.....
Norwich v Orient.....
Oldham v Derby.....
Rotherham v Blackburn.....
Shrewsbury v Grimsby.....
Watford v Leicester.....

DIVISION THREE

Bristol R. v Plymouth.....
Burnley v Walsall.....
Chester v Lincoln.....
Doncaster v Fulham.....
Exeter v Southend.....
Gillingham v Oxford.....
Huddersfield v Brentford.....
Millwall v Portsmouth.....
Preston v Chesterfield.....
Reading v Carlisle.....
Swindon v Newport.....
Wimbledon v Bristol C.....

DIVISION FOUR

Bradford v Bournemouth.....
Hartlepool v Bury.....
Hereford v Crews.....
Hull v Rochdale.....
Scunthorpe v Darlington.....
Sheff. U v Peterborough.....
Torquay v Aldershot.....
Tranmere v Port Vale.....
Wigan v Mansfield.....

SCOTTISH
PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v St Mirren.....
Airdrie v Morton.....
Dundee Utd v Celtic.....
Hibernian v Partick.....
Rangers v Dundee.....

FIRST DIVISION

Ayr v Queen of South.....
Dumbarton v Falkirk.....
E. Stirling v Hamilton.....
Kilmarnock v Hearts.....
Motherwell v Dunfermline.....
Queens Park v Raith.....
St Johnstone v Clydebank.....

SECOND DIVISION

Alloa v Cowdenbeath.....
Berwick v Forfar.....
Brechin v Arbroath.....
Clyde v Stranraer.....
East Fife v Albion.....
Meadowbank v Stirling.....
Stenhousemuir v Montrose.....

● Does not include any
re-arranged fixtures.

Stratton on Saturday

£5 IS THE PRIZE!

I'M Paul Stratton and if my challenger (opposite) can prove he's a better tipster than me, he wins £5!

In the panel below, I've given my predictions for ten selected matches and you can see my opponent's forecast alongside them.

There's a space for your predictions and a column for the actual result, so just for fun, you can try and beat me, too.

Award two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline wrong.



Pictured above is my special guest opponent this week — 13-year-old Stewart Lucas of Stopsley, Beds. Stewart is a Luton supporter and his favourite players are Kirk Stephens and Ricky Hill.

FRANCIS CAN DECIDE INTER-CITY TUSSLE

position.

But they will still finish above Coventry in the League and three points on Saturday will help make sure of that.

Former Coventry full-back Bobby McDonald will be keen to put one over on his former team-mates again and striker Trevor Francis needs every game to impress on England manager Ron Greenwood that he should line up against France in the opening World Cup match against France. Both can get their wishes.

Meanwhile, Liverpool look set to make life miserable for another Midlands side, Birmingham.

The game was called off when the two sides should have met earlier this season and the following day — December 14 — Liverpool travelled to Tokyo to play Flamengo in the World Club Championship.

In that match, the Brazilians, and in particular Zico, proved too good for the Merseysiders, as they came out 3-0 winners.

The boot will be on the other foot at St Andrews on Saturday.

Down in London, Tottenham entertain struggling Leeds at White Hart Lane.

Their meeting finished 0-0 at Elland Road and Argentina's Osvaldo Ardiles was outstanding that day.

Even without him, Spurs can coast to victory on Saturday.

I've predicted possible scorelines for ten of Saturday's matches and the challenge is beat me if you can!

As usual, there is £5 at stake in my special challenge match against one lucky reader.

● Bad luck to Simon Holland, my opponent in the April 17 issue of 'Match', who lost ten points to five.

Saturday, May 8	MY FORECAST	GUESTS FORECAST	YOUR FORECAST	RESULT
Birmingham v Liverpool	1-3	0-2		
Man. City v Coventry	2-0	2-1		
Tottenham v Leeds	3-0	3-1		
Barnsley v Q.P.R.	2-1	1-1		
Watford v Leicester	1-0	2-2		
Burnley v Walsall	3-0	2-0		
Chester v Lincoln	0-2	1-2		
Hull v Rochdale	2-0	3-0		
Scunthorpe v Darlington	1-1	1-2		
Rangers v Dundee	2-1	3-1		

WHO WON THIS WEEK?

POINTS SCORED

PAUL
YOURSELF

AGGREGATE SCORES
CARRIED FORWARD
TO NEXT WEEK

PAUL
YOURSELF

CRAIG'S AIM

*Craig Johnston —
"You've got to
play well for
Liverpool reserves
otherwise you
don't get a game
for them, either."*

Central League comes first!

CRAIG Johnston, the newest cog in Liverpool's title-chasing machine, has one ambition this season . . . to win a championship award with the reserves.

"It's important to me that I win a championship tankard in the Central League because that will be proof that I have completed my apprenticeship at one of the greatest clubs in the world," says the 21-year-old South African-born forward.

The England Under-21 international might have been forgiven for thinking he had made it when Liverpool signed him from Middlesbrough for a then club record fee of £575,000 in April last year.

But he was soon brought down to earth in the Anfield academy of quality and emerging talent where he spent a year before getting a full outing in Liverpool's First Division side.

Victory

His first full game came in Liverpool's 1-0 victory over Sunderland at Anfield.

And a week later, he celebrated his breakthrough with a goal in the 3-1 victory over Merseyside rivals Everton — a win which kept Liverpool on course for their thirteenth League Championship.

Craig followed that with goals against both Manchester teams and Stoke to stake a claim for a place in the next generation of Liverpool success stories.

But he admits: "I thought I was good when I left Middlesbrough, but the extra competition for places at Liverpool has improved my game."

"I had been playing well in the reserves for most of the season, but let's face it, you've got to, otherwise you don't get a game for

them either!"

"It's hard to point out where I have improved my game, but I have certainly added that little extra something to my performances."

"The players here are just so good. When the team actually loses a game, it's not so much that they've been beaten by a better team, it's more a case that they've become too complacent and allowed the opposition to beat them."

"For instance, I only started to appreciate the talents of England's Phil Neal after I arrived at Anfield."

"I had never regarded Phil as an outstanding performer but after playing with him, I can see exactly why those who know the game regard him so highly. He plays well week in week out."

Craig's immediate target is to establish himself in the Liverpool first team.

After that, he will consider his international prospects with England.

He has already played two friendlies for the Under-21's, but, until achieving British citizenship, he is unable to play in any competitive games.

"I've missed about eight or nine Under-21 internationals in the European Championship because I'm still an Australian citizen, but I hope everything will be sorted out before the start of next season," he says.

However Craig had quite a few options open to him in the international arena . . .

He was born in South Africa, took out Australian citizenship, he has a Scottish grandfather and an Irish grandmother!

● Craig's Liverpool team-mate and captain, Graeme Souness, brings you another of his exclusive columns on page 19.

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Sunday, April 25

Division Three

MILLWALL (2) 4 (Horrix 17, 36, 88, Martin 49)
FULHAM (0) 3 (Brown 57, O'Driscoll 70, Stevens, og 90)
Att: 6,454
Millwall: Sansome 6 (sub. Neal), Stevens 6, Madden 7, Chatterton 8, Kitchener 7, Roberts 7, Shinton 7, Anderson 6, ***HORRIX 9**, Martin 8, West 7.
fulham: Stannard 6, Hopkins 6, Strong 6, O'Driscoll 7, ***BROWN 8**, Gale 7, Davies 6, Lewington 6, Coney 6, O'Sullivan 5, Lock 5.
Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

DUNDEE (1) 2 (McGeachie 29, Fraser 58)
MORTON (1) 1 (Rooney 7)
Att: 5,346
Dundee: Geddes 7, Barr 7, McKinnie 6, Fraser 6, ***SMITH 8**, Glennie 7, Ferguson 6, Stephen 7, Sinclair 6, Kidd 6, McGeachie 7.
Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 7, ***ROONEY 8**, McLaughlin 7, Duffy 6, Docherty 6, Busby 7, Cochran 6, Hutchison 7, McNeil 6.
Referee: J. Renton (Dunfermline)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Scott 65)
CLYDE (1) 1 (O'Neill 29)
Att: 750
Clyde now Second Division Champions

Monday, April 26

Division One

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 3 (McCulloch 33, Harkouk, pen 52, Mair 61)
STOKE (1) 1 (Chapman 27)
Att: 8,656
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 7, O'Brien 5, Goodwin 6, Kilcline 6, Richards 7, Chiedozie 6, Harkouk 6, McCulloch 7, Christie 6, ***MAIR 8**.
Stoke: Fox 6, Parkin 6, Hampton 6, Johnson 5, Watson 5, Smith 6, McIlroy 6, Biley (sub. O'Callaghan 6), ***CHAPMAN 7**, Bracewell 4, Maguire 6.
Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BRENTFORD (2) 2 (Bowles 11, Johnson 37)
WIMBLEDON (0) 3 (Joseph 52, 66, Belfield 60)
Att: 6,612
Brentford: McKellar 6, McNichol 6, Tucker 6, ***SALMAN 8**, Whitehead 6, Hurlock 6, Kamara 6, Johnson 7, Bowen 6 (sub. Booker 6), Bowles 7, Roberts 6.
Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Leslie 6, Armstrong 7, Smith 6, Morris 6, Downes 6 (sub. Gage 6), Thomas 7, ***JOSEPH 8**, Hodges 6, Evans 7, Belfield 6.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

CREWE (0) 0
BRADFORD (0) 1 (Campbell 82)
Att: 2,009
Crewe: Mulhearn 6, Lewis 7, Heath 6, Salathiel 7, ***SCOTT 8**, Palios 6, Haslegrave 7, Keighley 6 (sub. Chesters), Howat 6, Entwistle 6, Williams 6.
Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, Podd 7, Watson 6, Lester 7, ***COOKE 8**, McFarland 7 (sub. Jackson), Gallagher 6, Staniforth 7, Campbell 6, McNiven 6, Chapman 6.
Referee: D. B. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★★

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Sproson 85)

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Laidlaw 72)
Att: 2,160
Port Vale: Harrison 6, Tart 6, Bromage 6, Hunter 6, ***SPROS 8**, Bowles 6, Chamberlain, N 6, Moss 7, Deakin 6, Armstrong 6, Chamberlain, M 6.
Hereford: ***BRAND 7**, Price 6, Bartley 6, Pejic 5, Hicks 6, Musil 6, Harvey 6, Laidlaw 7, Phillips 7, Showers 6, White 6.
Referee: L. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

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10	Out of this world
9	Outstanding
8	Excellent
7	Good
6	Adequate
5	Off form
4	Poor

MATCH RATINGS

★★★★★	A classic
★★★★	Good value
★★★	Satisfactory
★★	Dull
★	A waste of money

Tuesday, April 27

Division One

COVENTRY (2) 6 (Gillespie 22, Francis 69, Thompson 36, 54, Hately 76, 88)
SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Cummins 40)
Att: 11,277

Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 6, Jacobs 7, Butterworth 7, Dyson 8, Gillespie 8, Whitton 6, Francis 7, Hately 8, ***THOMPSON 9**, Hunt 7.

Sunderland: Turner 6, Hinnigan 6, Munro 6, Hindmarsh 5, Chisholm 5, Elliott 6, Buckley 5, West 5, Rowell 5, Pickering 5 (sub. McCoist), ***CUMMINS 7**.

Referee: R. G. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Two

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
WATFORD (1) 3 (Blissett, pen 7, pen 89, Armstrong 73)

Att: 12,355
Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Lovell 5, Hinshelwood 6, Galliers 4 (sub. Murphy 6), ***CANNON 7**, Gilbert 6, Giles 6, Smillie 5, Brooks 5, Mabbott 6, Hilaire 6.
Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 7, Rostron 7, Taylor 7, Sims 8, Bolton 8, Callaghan 8, Blissett 8, ***ARMSTRONG 9**, Lohman 8, Barnes 7 (sub. Jenkins).

Referee: A. Robinson (Hampshire)

Match Rating: ★★★★

GRIMSBY (1) 5 (Whymark 5, Waters, pen 50, Croxby 57, Broly 69, Moore, D 84)

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Johnson 40)

Att: 7,051
Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 7, Crosby 7, Waters 8, Cooper 7, Crombie 7, Stone 8, ***KILMORE 9**, Whymark 7, Moore, K 7 (sub. Ford), Broly 7.
Shrewsbury: Wardle 5, McLaren 5, Johnson 6, Turner 5, Keay 6, Griffin 6, ***TONG 7**, McNally 6, Atkins 6, Cross 6, Bates 5.

Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Three

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Shinton 44)
Att: 2,377
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Bellamy 6, O'Neill 6, ***WILSON 8**, Green 6, Hunter 6, Walker 4, Henderson 5, Bonnyman 6, Kowalski 7, Crawford 5.
Millwall: Gleasure 6, Stevens 7, Madden 6, Chatterton 6, Allardyce 6, Roberts 7, Shinton 7, ***ANDERSON 9**, Horrix 7, Martin 6, West 6.

Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)

Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (1) 1 (Kelly 8)

WALSALL (0) 0
Att: 4,930
Preston: Hodge 7, Anderson 7, McAtee 7, Naughton 8, Westwell 7, O'Riordan 8, ***KELLY 9**, Doyle 7, Elliott 6 (sub. Houston 6), Bell 7, Bruce 7.
Walsall: ***GREEN 9**, Hart 6, Mower 7, Beech 7, Serella 6, Baines 6, Rees 6, Caswell 7, Teasdale 6, Penn 7, Waddington 7.

Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SWINDON (1) 3 (Rideout 43, 70, 87)

CHESTER (0) 0
Att: 3,848
Swindon: Allan 6, Graham 5, Baddeley 7, Emmanuel 6, Henry 7, Stroud 8, Pritchard 6, Carter 7, ***RIDEOUT 9**, Rowland 6, Hughes 8.
Chester: Millington 7, Raynor 6, Burns 6, Storten 5, ***COTTAM 8**, Blackwell 7, Sutcliffe 6 (sub. Simpson 7), Jones 7, Allen 6, Ludlam 7, Henderson 6.
Referee: J. A. Moules (Ongar)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Four

BURY (1) 1 (Madden, pen 23)

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Edwards 88)
Att: 6,650
Bury: Platt 6, Gore 7, Howard 8, ***BRAMHALL 9**, Kennedy 7, Mullen 6, Cruickshank 6, Jakub 6, Butler 5, Johnson 5 (sub. Hilton 5), Madden 7.
Sheff Utd: Waugh 6, Charles 5 (sub. Brazil), McPhail 7, Kenworthy 7, Garner 6, Trusson 6, Richards 6, King 7, ***MORRIS 8**, Edwards 5, Hatton 8.
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)

Match Rating: ★★★★

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Bremner 34)

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Syrett 75)
Att: 2,212
Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 6, Wright 6, Leslie 6, Wignall 7, Packer 6, Lyons 5 (sub. Ward 6), ***BREMNER 8**, Groves 7, McDonough 6, Adcock 6.
Peterborough: Freeman 5, Butler 6, Phillips 6, ***GYNN 8**, Smith 6, Rodaway 6, Syrett 7, Kellock 6, Cooke 6, Hodgson 7, Chard 6.
Referee: M. Taylor (Kent)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SENDINGS OFF: Wright (Colchester), Smith (Peterborough)

TORQUAY (2) 2 (Brown 22, Jones 44)

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Davison 16, 57)

Att: 1,331

Torquay: O'Keefe 6, ***SMITH 8**, Wilson 6, Jones 6, Lawrence 6, Riach 7, Brown 7, Cox 6, Cooper 6, Tainton 6, Sermanni 6.

Halifax: Smelt 6, Goodman 6, Carr 6, Evans 7, Ayre 7, Hendrie 6, Firth 7, ***DAVISON 9**.

Graham 7, Spooner 6, Ward 6.

Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)

Match Rating: ★★★

YORK (0) 1 (Walwyn 50)

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Hilditch 36, 69)

Att: 2,089

York: Blackburn 7, Dawson 6, Bentham 6, Hood 6, Czuczman 5 (sub. Pollard), Kay 6, Ford 7, ***BYRNE 8**, Walwyn 7, Crosby 6, Laverick 7.

Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)

Match Rating: ★★★

British Championship

WALES (0) 0

ENGLAND (0) 1 (Francis 72)

Att: 25,000

Wales: Davies 6, Marustic 7, Ratcliffe 7, Nicholas 6, Stevenson 7, ***JONES 8**, Curtis 7, Flynn 6 (sub. Harris), Rush 7, Thomas 6 (sub. James, L 6), James, R 7.

England: Corrigan 7, Neal 7, Sansom 7, Thompson 6, Butcher 7, ***ROBSON 8**, Wilkins 7, Francis 7 (sub. Regis), Withe 7, Hoddie 6 (sub. McDermott 6), Morley 6.

Referee: O. Donnelly (Northern Ireland)

Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH First Division

HEARTS (0) 2 (Byrne, pen 67, McCoy 84)

EAST STIRLING (0) 0

Att: 4,300

Wednesday, April 28

Division One

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Geddis 9)

LEEDS (1) 4 (Graham 42, Worthington 48, 55, Connor 63)

Att: 20,566

Aston Villa: Rimmer 5, Swain 5, Williams 6, Ormsby 5, McNaught 5, Blair 6, Bremer 6, ***GEDDIS 7**, Withe 5, Cowans 6, Morley 5 (sub. Walters 5).

Leeds: Lukic 6, Hird 6, Gray, F 6, Flynn 7, Hart 6, Cherry 7, Gray, E 7, Graham 6, Worthington 8, ***CONNOR 9**, Barnes 8.

Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)

Match Rating: ★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Villa 65)

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Harford 44)

Att: 25,470

Spurs: Clemence 6, Hughton 7, Price 6, Roberts 7, Lacy 6, Perryman 6, Villa 7, Archibald 7, Galvin 7, ***HAZARD 8**, Crooks 6.

Birmingham: Coton 7, Langan 6, Hawker 6, Van den Hauwe 7, Stevenson 7, Curbishley 6, Van Mierlo 7, Dillon 7, ***HARFORD 8**, Phillips 6 (sub. Whatmore 6), Evans 6.

Referee: A. Robinson (Waterloo)

Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Walsh 40)

BOLTON (0) 0

Att: 3,379

Charlton: Johns 7, Naylor 6, Elliott 7, Mehmet 6 (sub. Berry 6), Gritt 5, Phillips 7, Ferns 6, ***WALSH 8**, Ambrose 6, Lansdowne 6, Robinson 7.

Bolton: McDonagh 7, McElhinney 5 (sub. Chandler 6), Bennett 7, Henry 7, Jones 6, ***GOWLING 8**, Hoggan 6, Cantello 6, Foster 6, Reid 6, Thompson 5.

Referee: M. J. Bodenham (Brighton)

Match Rating: ★★★

DERBY (0) 0

BARNSLEY (1) 1 (Walker 20)

Att: 11,296

Derby: Bonovic 6, ***BARTON 7**, Buckley 5, Skivington 5 (sub. Wilson), Sheridan 5, McAlle 6, Powell 6, Attley 6, George 5, Swindlehurst 6, Emson 5.

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Barnsley: Horn 7, Law 6, Chambers 6, Mann 6, Banks 7, McCarthy 6, Evans 7, Walker 7, Aylott 7. **McHALE** 8, Birch 6.
Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★★

ORIENT (0) 1 (Foster 61)
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Maddy 47)
Att: 2,527
Orient: Day 6, **FOSTER** 7, Peach 6, Fisher 6, Taylor 6, Cunningham 6, Godfrey 5, Silkman 6, Houchen 6, Moores 6, Margesson 6.
Cardiff: Healey 6, Jones 6, **POLYCARPOU** 7, Pontin 6, Hughes 6, Mullen 6, Grapes 5, Henderson 6, Kitchen 6, Bennett, D 6, Maddy 6.
Referee: I. Borrett (Suffolk)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

OXFORD (0) 1 (Kearns 78)
PLYMOUTH (0) 0
Att: 6,957
Oxford: Burton 7, **FOGG** 8, Smithers 6, Train 6, Briggs 7, Shotton 7, Lawrence 5, Foley 7, Heberd 6 (sub. Kearns), Brock 7, Thomas 7.
Plymouth: Crudginton 7, Nisbet 6, McCartney 6, Harrison 6, Phillipson-Masters 6, Cooper 6, Hodges 6, **COOK** 8, Sims 6, Randell 7, Rogers 7.
Referee: M. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

HARLEPOOL (0) 2 (Newton 70, 82)
BLACKPOOL (2) 2 (Noble 10, Bamber 45)
Att: 1,387
Hartlepool: **WATSON** 8, Sweeney 6, Stimpson 7, Lowe 5 (sub. Lawrence 7), Bird 6, Brown 6, Linacre, J 7, Clarke 5, Newton 6, Linacre, P 7, Hampton 5.
Blackpool: Rush 7, Simonite 7, Brockbank 8, Deary 5, Greenall 5, Hart 7, Morgan 6, Hockaday 6, **BAMBER** 9, Noble 7, Pashley 5.
Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Second Division

FORFAR (2) 3 (Gallacher 23, 73, Porter 41)
ALBION (0) 0
Att: 420

British Championship

NORTHERN IRELAND (0) 1 (McIlroy 53)
SCOTLAND (1) 1 (Wark 31)
Att: 20,000

Current Positions:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Scotland	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
N. Ireland	2	0	1	1	1	5	1
Wales	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

European U-21 Championship Semi-Final, Second Leg

ENGLAND (1) 1 (Heath 26)
SCOTLAND (1) 1 (Sharp 25)
Att: 8,212
(England win 2-1 on aggregate)

Friday, April 30

Division Two

LUTON (1) 4 (Stein 14, Hill 78, White 80, Moss 88)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Atkins 60)
Att: 14,563
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Money 6, Horton 8, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 8, Hill 8, **STEIN** 9, White 7, Fuccillo 5 (sub. Antic 8), Moss 7.
Shrewsbury: **WARDLE** 8, McLaren 7, Johnson 6 (sub. Petts), Turner 6, Griffin 6, Keay 7, Tong 7, McNally 7, Atkins 7, Cross 6, Bates 6.
Referee: B. Hill (Wellingborough)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Four

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (McLean, pen 64)
TRANMERE (0) 2 (Ferguson 57, Craven 77)
Att: 1,612
Darlington: Cuff 6, Kamara 7, **LIDDLE** 8, Smith 6, Skipper 6, Speedie 6, McFadden 6, McLean 6, Hawker 6 (sub. Stalker 6), Wicks 4, Walsh 5.

Tranmere: Endersby 7, Parry 5, Burgess 6, Hutchinson 6, Mungall 6, Williams 6, **HAMILTON** 8, Brown 7, Kerr 6, Craven 7, Ferguson 6.
Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★★★

STOCKPORT (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Att: 1,658

Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 7, Sherlock 6, Emmerson 6, Thorpe 6, Smith 6, Williams 7, **PHILLIPS** 8, Coyle 7, Park 7, Sunley 6.
Northampton: Poole 7, Carlton 6, Sandy 7, Kruse 7, Gage 7, **COFFILL** 8, Saxby 7, Buchanan 6, Bryant 6, Massey 7, Perrin 6.
Referee: M. R. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★

Saturday, May 1

Division One

ARSENAL (2) 2 (Rix 15, Sunderland 43)
WEST HAM (0) 0
Att: 34,977
Arsenal: Wood 6, Hollins 6, Sansom 6, Talbot 6, O'Leary 7, Whyte 7, Hawley 7, Sunderland 7, Davis 7, Robson 7, **RIX** 8.
West Ham: **PARKES** 8, Stewart 6, Laronde 5, Allen 6, Orr 6, Devonshire 7, Van der Elst 6, Cowie 6 (sub. Houghton 6), Cross 5, Brooking 7, Pike 6.
Referee: J. Huntley (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

ASTON VILLA (0) 0
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
Att: 22,150
Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain 6, Williams 6, Ormsby 5, McNaught 6, Heard 6, Bremner 6, Shaw 5, **WITHE** 7, Cowans 6, Morley 5.
Man City: Corrigan 6, May 6 (sub. Kinsey), McDonald 6, Reid 7, Bond 5, Caton 6, Ryan 5, **REEVES** 8, Boyer 5, Hartford 5, Power 6.
Referee: A. W. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★

COVENTRY (0) 0
TOTTENHAM (0) 0

Att: 15,431
Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 7, Jacobs 7, Butterworth 6, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, Whilton 6, **FRANCIS** 8, Hateley 6, Thompson 7, Hunt 7 (sub. Roberts).
Spurs: **CLEMENCE** 9, Hughton 7, O'Reilly 7, Roberts 7, Lacy 6, Perryman 7, Villa 6, Archibald 7, Galvin 5 (sub. Crooks), Falco 6, Brooke 6.

Referee: L. Burden (Dorset)
Match Rating: ★★

IPSWICH (2) 3 (Wark 30, Muhren 36, Brazil 86)

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Thomas 40)
Att: 17,980
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, McCall 7, Mills 7, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 7, Muhren 7, Mariner 7 (sub. O'Callaghan), Brazil 7, **GATES** 8.
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Cragg 6, **BAILEY** 8, Ross 6, Baxter 6, Natrass 6, McAndrew 7, Otto 6, Hodgson 6, Shearer 6 (sub. Ashcroft 6), Thomas 7.
Referee: D. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★★

LEEDS (0) 0
STOKE (0) 0

Att: 17,775
Leeds: Lukic 7, Hird 5 (sub. Burns), Gray, F 6, Flynn 5, Hart 6, Cherry 6, Gray, E 6, Graham 6, Worthington 6, **CONNOR** 8, Barnes 6.
Stoke: **FOX** 8, Dodd 6, Parkin 6, Griffiths 5, Watson 7, Smith 6, McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 6, Chapman 5, Bracewell 7, Maguire 6.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Johnston 55, 69)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
Att: 34,321
Liverpool: Grobelaar 7, Neal 7, Lawrenson 6, Kennedy 7, Whelan 7, Thompson 7, Dalglash 8, Lee 6, Rush 6, **JOHNSTON** 9, Hansen 7.
Nott'm Forest: **SUTTON** 8, Anderson 7, Gunn 6, Needham 5, Young 5, Bowyer 6, Rober 7, Proctor 7, Davenport 7, Wallace 7, Robertson 5.
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (McGarvey 61)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

Att: 40,038
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Gidman 6, Albiston 6, Wilkins 6, Duxbury 7, **McQUEEN** 8, Robson 7, McGarvey 7, Stapleton 6, Grimes 5, Davies 7.
Southampton: **KATALINIC** 9, Baker, S 7, Agbola 6, Baker, G 6, Nicholl 6, Wright 6, Keegan 6, Channon 6 (sub. Cassells), Whitlock 5, Armstrong 5, Ball 5.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (McCulloch 12)

BIRMINGHAM (1) 4 (Phillips 1, Evans 49, 85, Harford 68)
Att: 10,710
Notts County: Avramovic 6, Benjamin 5, O'Brien 5, Goodwin 6, Kilcline 6, Richards 6, Chiedozie 6, Harkouk 5, **McCULLOCH** 7, Christie 6, Mair 6.
Birmingham: Coton 7, Langan 6, Hawker 6, Stevenson 7, Van den Hauwe 7, Curbishley 6, **VAN MIERLO** 8, Dillon 7, Harford 7, Phillips 7, Evans 6.
Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ★★★

SUNDERLAND (1) 3 (Rowell, pen 32, 83, West 75)

BRIGHTON (0) 0
Att: 16,224
Sunderland: Turner 7, Hinnigan 7, Munro 8, Hindmarsh 7, Chisholm 7, Elliott 7, Buckley 8, West 7, **ROWELL** 9, Pickering 7, Cummins 7.
Brighton: Moseley 7, Shanks 7, Nelson 6, Stevens 7, **FOSTER** 8, Gatting 7, Case 6, Ritchie 6 (sub. Greish 6), Robinson 6, McNab 7, Ryan 6.
Referee: N. Midgeley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★

SWANSEA (0) 1 (James, R 76)

EVERTON (1) 3 (Heath 26, Sharp, pen 50, 60)
Att: 16, 243
Swansea: Davies 6, Marustik 6, Hadzibabic 6, Irwin 5, Kennedy 5 (sub. James, L 6), Rajkovic 6, Curtis 6, James, R 6, **STANLEY** 7, Stevenson 5, Latchford 6.
Everton: Southall 7, Stevens 7, Walsh 7, Higgins 6, Wright 7, McMahon 6, Irvine 7, **HEATH** 9, Sharp 8, Rimmer 6 (sub. ...)



Arsenal's Alan Sunderland watches in delight as his shot beats goalkeeper Phil Parkes to help earn the 'Gunners' a 2-0 victory in the all-London derby against West Ham at Highbury on Saturday.



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Richardson 6, Ross 6.
Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★★

WOLVES (0) 1 (Gray 56)

WEST BROM (1) 2 (Regis 31, Monaghan 87)

Att: 19,813

Wolves: Bradshaw 4, Humphrey 4, Hollifield

5, Eves 4, Berry 4, Coy 5, **HIBBITT 6**, Carr 5,

Gray 5, Matthews 4, Clarke 4.

West Brom: Godden 5, Batson 5, Cowdrill 5,

Bennett 4, Wile 5, Robertson 5, Zondervan 4

(sub. Monaghan 5), Brown 4, Regis 5.

★OWEN 6, Mackenzie 5.

Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)

Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

BLACKBURN (2) 4 (Bell 9, Branagan 40,

Rathbone 70, Garner 79)

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Varadi 51)

Att: 5,207

Blackburn: Butcher 5, Hamilton 5, Rathbone,

5, Speight 5, Branagan 6, Fazackerley 6,

Miller 5, Stonehouse 5, Bell 6, Garner 6,

★BROTHERSTON 7 (sub. Murphy 5).

Newcastle: Carr 5, Brownlie 5, Davies 5,

★BELL 7, Carney 5, Haddock 5, Mills 5,

Martin 5, Varadi 6, Wharton 6, Waddle 5 (sub.

Ferris 5).

Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)

Match Rating: ★★★

Sendings Off: Speight (Blackburn), Brownlie

(Newcastle).

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Mehmet 34)

WATFORD (0) 1 (Jenkins 66)

Att: 9,747

Charlton: Johns 6, Naylor 7, **★ELLIOTT 8**,

Mehmet 7, Gritt 6, Phillips 6, Ferns 6, Walsh

7, Berry 6, Lansdowne 6, Robinson 6.

Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 7, Rostro 6,

Taylor 6, Sims 6, Bolton 5, **★CALLAGHAN 8**,

Armstrong 6, Jenkins 5, Lohman 6, Blissett 6.

Referee: A. Grey (Norfolk)

Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Mabbett 44)

BARNSLEY (0) 2 (Walker 60, Birch 70)

Att: 7,500

Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Boulter 6,

Hinselwood 6, Murphy 6, Cannon 6, Gilbert

5, Giles 5 (sub. Wilkins), Smillie 6, Lovell 5,

Mabbett 6, **★HILAIRE 8**.

Barnsley: Horn 7, Law 7, Chambers 6, Mann

7, Banks 7, McCarthy 6, Evans 7, Walker 7,

★AYLOTT 9, McHale 6, Birch 8.

Referee: J. A. Moules (Ongar)

Match Rating: ★★

DERBY (0) 0

CARDIFF (0) 0

Att: 10,111

Derby: Banovic 6, **★BARTON 8**, Buckley 7,

Skivington 6, Sheridan 4, McAlle 6, Powell 6,

4, Attley 4, George 4, Swindlehurst 6, Emson

4.

Cardiff: Healey 6, Jones 6, Polycarpou 6,

Pontin 5, Hughes 6, Mullen 6, Grapes 5,

Henderson 5, Kitchen 6, **★BENNETT 8**,

Maddy 4.

Referee: R. Nixon (Wirral)

Match Rating: ★★

GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Whymark 27, Waters, pen

56)

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Bowden 88)

Att: 7,656

Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 7, Crosby 7,

Waters 7, Cooper 7, Crombie 7, Stone 6,

Kilmore 6, **★WHYMARK 8**, Moore, K 7,

Brolly 7 (sub. Ford).

Oldham: McDonnell 5, Hoolickin 6, Edwards

6, Keegan 7, Firm 5, **★FUTCHER 8**, Wylde 6,

Palmer 7, Steel 5, McDonough 5, Atkinson 5

(sub. Bowden 7).

Referee: V. G. Callow (Solihull)

Match Rating: ★★★

LEICESTER (0) 1 (May 88)

NORWICH (1) 4 (Deehan 23, Barham 47,

Bertschin 53, Leet, og 66)

Att: 19,630

Leicester: Wallington 6, Friar 6, Leet 5, Peake

6, **★MAY 7**, O'Neill 6, Lynex 6, Lineker 6,

Melrose 6, Welsh 6, Kelly 5.

Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 6, Symonds 6,

McGuire 7, Walford 6, Watson 6,

★BARHAM 8, O'Neill 7, Bertschin 7.

Deehan 7, Bennett 6.

Referee: J. B. Worral (Warrington)

Match Rating: ★★★

ORIENT (0) 1 (Godfrey 65)

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Moore 59, Seasman 76)

Att: 3,009

Orient: Day 7, **★FOSTER 8**, Peach 6, Fisher

6, Taylor 6, Cunningham 7, Godfrey 6,

Silkman 6, Houchen 6, Moores 7,

Margarrison 6.

Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)

Rotherham: Mountford 7, Hughes 7, Breckin

6, Rhodes 6, **★STANCLIFFE 8**, Green 7,

Towner 7, Gow 7, Moore 7, Seasman 7,

McEwan 6.

Referee: K. P. Barrett (Warwickshire)

Match Rating: ★★★

QPR (4) 7 (Gregory 17, Mickelwhite 24,

Flanagan 33, 84, Fenwick, pen 39, Stainrod

48, Allen 86)

BOLTON (0) 1 (Henry, pen 57)

Att: 10,002

QPR: Hucker 7, Fenwick 7 (sub. Burke),

Gillard 7, Waddock 8, Wicks 7, Roeder 7,

Mickelwhite 7, Flanagan 8, Allen 8,

★STANINORD 9, Gregory 8.

Bolton: McDonagh 5, Hogan 4, Bennett 4,

Henry 5, Jones 4, Gowling 4, Chandler 5,

Cartello 5, Carter 4, **★REID 6**, Thompson 4.

Referee: J. Taylor (Deal)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0

Att: 19,259

Sheffield Wed: Bolder 7, Sterland 6 (sub.

Pearson 6), Blackhall 6, Smith 7,

★PICKERING 8, Taylor 7, Megson 7,

Shelton 6, Bannister 6, McCulloch 6, Curran

6.

Chelsea: Francis 7, Locke 7, Hutchings 7,

Button 6 (sub. Rofe), **★DROY 8**, Pates 6,

Britton 7, Chivers 6, Walker 6, Mayes 6, Lee

7.

Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)

Match Rating: ★★★

WREXHAM (0) 0

Att: 3,351

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, **★JONES 8**, Bater

6, Davis 5 (sub. Vinter 6), Downman 5, Ronson

5, Leman 5, McNeil 5, Edwards 5, Fox 7,

Carrodus 7.

Cambridge: Webster 7, Turner 6, Murray 5,

Smith 6, Fallon 6, Streete 6, Donaldson 6,

Cartwright 6, Reilly 6, **★FINNEY 8**, Christie

6.

Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)

Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (Bowen 34, Whitehead

81)

DONCASTER (0) 2 (Snodin, G 77, Lister,

pen 90)

Att: 4,174

Brentford: McKellar 6, Tucker 7, Hill 6,

Salman 7 (sub. Bookler 7), Whitehead 6,

Hurlock 6, **★KAMARA 8**, Johnson 5, Bowen

5, Bowles 6, Roberts 4.

Doncaster: Humphries 5, S 7, Humphries, G 6,

Dawson 7, Lister 6, Cawthorne 7, Wiggin 6,

Pugh 6, Liddell 5, Douglas 5 (sub. Mell 7),

★SNODIN 8, G 8, Little 6.

Referee: R. G. Milford (Bristol)

Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL CITY (1) 2 (Williams 41,

Economou 86)

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Lee 75)

Att: 3,931

Bristol City: Shaw 7, **★WILLIAMS 8**, Hay 6,

Musker 7, Boyle 6, Nicholls 7, Economou 6,

Devine 7, Chandler 7, Stevens 6, Carter 7,

Gillingham: Hillyard 7, White 6, Adams 7,

★BRUCE 8, Weatherly 7, Shaw 6 (sub. Sage

6), Powell 6, Tydeman 7, Grewcock 6,

Casciano 7, Lee 6.

Referee: T. D. Spencer (Wiltshire)

Match Rating: ★★★

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Staniforth, pen 55, Leslie,

og 77)

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Hodges 15)

Att: 4,466

Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Rushbury 7,

Larkin 6, Ashurst 7, Craig 7, Ritchie 6,

Coughlin 6, Robson 7, Lee 6.

★STANIFORTH 8.

Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Leslie 5, Armstrong

6, Smith 6, Morris 5, Downes 7, Thomas 7,

★JOSEPH 8, Hodges 7, Evans 6, Belfield 7.

Referee: P. Tyldeley (Stockport)

Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Walker 20,

Bonnyman 23)

SWINDON (0) 1 (Carter 87)

Att: 2,028

Chesterfield: Turner 6, Bellamy 7, O'Neill 6,

Wilson 7, Ridley 5, Hunter 6, **★WALKER 8**,

Henderson 6, Bonnyman 7, Kowalski 6,

Crawford 7.

Swindon: Allan 6, Graham 7, Baddeley 6

(sub. Williams 6), Emmanuel 6, Henry 7,

Stroud 6, Pritchard 5, Carter 6, **★RIDEOUT**

8, Rowland 5, Hughes 6.

Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)

FULHAM (0) 2 (Wilson 58, Lewington 90)

READING (1) 2 (Earles 45, Beavon 87)

Att: 6,773

Fulham: Peyton 6, Strong 6, Lock 6,

O'Driscoll 7, Brown 7, Gale 7, Davies 6 (sub.

Tempest 6), Wilson 7, Coney 7,

★OSULLIVAN 8, Lewington 7.

Reading: Fearon 7, Williams 6, Henderson 6,

Sanchez 6, Hicks 7, Wood 7, Beavon 7,

Kearns 6, **★DIXON 9**, Earles 7, Lewis 7,

Referee: T. G. Bune (Cranleigh)

Match Rating: ★★★

LINCOLN (1) 1 (Cockerill 6)

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0

Att: 4,024

Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 7, Neale 7, Cockerill

8, Rogers 7, **★THOMPSON 9**, Shipley 7,

Turner 8, Bell 6, Cunningham 7, Hibberd 6.

Bristol Rovers: Thomas 7, Jones 6,

★SLATER 8, Williams 6, G 6, Parkin 6,

Mabbett 7, Bailey 6, Williams 6, C 7, Stephens

7, Randall 6, Williams 6, B 6.

Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)

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Haslegrave 7, Keighley 6, Howat 6, Entwhistle 6, Williams 7.
Sheff Utd: Waugh 6, Richardson 6, Garner 6, Charles 6, MacPhail 7, Kenworthy 7, Morris 6, Trusson 7, Edwards 6, Hatton 7. **★KING 8.**
Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★★

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Evans 15, Ward 75)

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0

Att: 1,305

Halifax: Smelt 7, Goodman 7, Carr 6, **★EVANS 8.** Ayre 6, Hendrie 7, Firth 6, Davison 6, Graham 6, Spooner 6, Ward 6.
Hartlepool: Watson 6, Sweeney 6, Stimpson 6, Lawrence 6, Bird 6, Brown 5, Linacre, J 5, Lowe 6 (sub. Clarke 6), Newton 6.

★LINACRE, P 8, Hampton 7.

Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)

Match Rating: ★★★

MANSFIELD (1) 3 (Caldwell 28, Nicholson 47, 50)

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Cox 52)

Att: 1,392

Mansfield: Arnold 6, Woodhead 6, **★MANN 8.** Bell 5, Burrows 5, Bird 6, Cannell 6 (sub. McJannett 5), Caldwell 6, Lumby 5, Nicholson 7, Parkinson 6.
Torquay: O'Keefe 6, Smith 5, Wilson 5, Jones 7, Lawrence 6, Riach 6, Brown 5, **★COX 8.** Cooper 5, Tainton 5, Winn 6.

Referee: A. Robinson (Manchester)

Match Rating: ★★★

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0

WIGAN (2) 3 (Barrow 27, Bradd 33, 63)

Att: 6,229

Peterborough: Freeman 5, Butler 5 (sub. Clarke 5), Phillips 6, **★GYNN 7.** Smith 5, Rodaway 6, Syrett 5, Kellock 6, Cooke 5, Hodgson 5, Chard 6.
Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 6, Glenn 7, Cribley 6, Lloyd 7, Methven 6, O'Keefe 6, Barrow 7. **★BRADD 8.** Houghton 6, Wigall 6.

Referee: M. Bodenham (Brighton)

Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (0) 0

YORK (0) 0

Att: 1,924

Port Vale: Harrison 7, Tarr 6, Sproson 6, Bowles 7, Bromage 6, Armstrong 5, Hunter 6, Deakin 5, Chamberlain, N 7 (sub. Bright 7), Moss 7. **★CHAMBERLAIN, M 8.**
York: Blackburn 7, Crosby 6 (sub. Flood 6), Czuczman 6, Dawson 6, Kay 5, Hood 6, Pollard 7. **★BYRNE 8.** Ford 7, Walwyn 7, Laverick 6.

Referee: G. Naphnie (Loughborough)

Match Rating: ★★★

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Dolan, pen 43)

BRADFORD (1) 1 (Staniforth 7)

Att: 3,080

Rochdale: Crawford 7, **★WARRINER 8.** Snooks 7, Dolan 6, Taylor 7, Cooper 5, Hamilton 7, Williams 6, Hilditch 6, Wellings 5, Martinez 6.
Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, Podd 6, Watson 7, Lester 6, **★COOKE 8.** Jackson 7, Gallagher 7, Staniforth 7, Campbell 7, McNiven 6, Chapman 6.
Referee: C. L. Newsome (Broseley)

Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

CELTIC (4) 6 (Burns 15, Crainie 19, Aitken 32, MacLeod 41, 57, McCluskey 60)

HIBERNIAN (0) 0

Att: 16,064

Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 6, Reid 6, Aitken 7, MacAdam 7, MacLeod 6, **★PROVAN 8.** Sullivan 7, Crainie 7, Burns 7, McCluskey 6, Hibs: McArthur 6, Sneddon 6, McLaren 6, Brazil 7 (sub. Schaeffer 6), Paterson 6, Flavell 7, McNamara 6, Turnbull 6, MacLeod 7 (sub. Jamieson 6), **★MURRAY 8.** Rodier 6.
Referee: D. Galloway (Pitlessie)

Match Rating: ★★★★

DUNDEE (0) 0

ABERDEEN (2) 5 (McLeish 20, Harrow 27, Glenrie, og 49, Bell 50, McCall 60)

Att: 6,415

Dundee: Geddes 5, Barr 6, McKinnie 7, Fraser 6, Smith 6, Glenrie 7, Ferguson 6 (sub. Mackie 6), **★STEPHEN 8.** Sinclair 7, Kidd 6, McGaughie 6.
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 7, Rougvie 6, McMaster 6, McLeish 6, **★MILLER 8.** Black 6 (sub. Watson), Simpson 7 (sub. McCall 7), Harrow 6, Bell 7, Weir 7.

Referee: J. Timmins (Clarkston)

Match Rating: ★★★★

MORTON (1) 1 (Docherty 11)
RANGERS (3) 3 (Russell 3, MacDonald 15, 32)

Att: 6,500

Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 6, **★McLAUGHLIN 8.** Duffy 6, Rooney 6, Docherty 7, McNeil 6 (sub. Houston 6), Cochrane 6, Hutchison 6 (sub. Busby), Ritchie 7.
Rangers: Stewart 7, Jardine 7, Dawson 7, **★MCLELLAND 8.** Jackson 6, Bett 6, Russell 7 (sub. McAdam), Redford 6, Johnstone 7, Cooper 6, MacDonald 7.
Referee: L. D. Thow (Glasgow)

Match Rating: ★★★

PARTICK (0) 0

AIRDRIE (0) 0

Att: 2,000

Partick: Rough 7, Murray 7, Lapsley 6, **★WHITTAKER 8.** Dunlop 7, Jardine 6, Watson 7, Doyle 6, Johnston 6, Park 7, O'Hara 6 (sub. Higgins 6).
Airdrie: Davidson 6, Cairney 7, Rodger 6, Anderson 7, March 6, Campbell 6.
Referee: K. Stewart (Glasgow)

Match Rating: ★★★

ST MIRREN (1) 2 (McAvennie 35, Stark, pen 90)

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 2 (Bannon, pen 50, Dodds 87)

Att: 3,400

St Mirren: Thomson 7, Walker 6, Beckett 6, Copland 7, Fulton 7, Stark 6, Abercrombie 6, McAvennie 7, Summer 6, **★McDOUGALL 8.** Logan 6.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Malpas 6, Gough 7, Narey 6, **★HEGARTY 8.** Holt 6, Bannon 7, Milne 6, Kirkwood 7, Sturrock 6, Dodds 7.
Referee: K. Hope (Glasgow)

Match Rating: ★★★

First Division

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (McCabe 78)

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

Att: 460

EAST STIRLING (0) 1 (McCaig 84)

KILMARNOCK (4) 5 (Bourke 9, 88, Robertson 14, McLean, pen 18, McGiven 29)

Att: 300

HAMILTON (0) 1 (Fairlie, pen 70)

FALKIRK (0) 0

Att: 830

HEARTS (2) 2 (Byrne 35, Pettigrew 42)

DUMBARTON (1) 5 (Blair 30, Dunlop 57, 66, 95, McGowan 82)

Att: 4,861

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 2 (Robertson, J 72, McLeod 88)

MOTHERWELL (2) 5 (McClare 6, 75, Gahagan 23, Cleland 65, Irvine 77)

Att: 500

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 (Crawley 43, pen 52)

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (McNeill 59)

Att: 708

RAITH ROVERS (0) 1 (Ahern, og 77)

AYR (0) 0

Att: 900

Second Division

ALBION ROVERS (1) 2 (Evans 25, 66)

CLYDE (2) 3 (McCutcheon 1, 27, Nevin, pen 77)

Att: 500

ALLOA (1) 1 (Stewart 19)

STRANRAER (1) 1 (Gibb 45)

Att: 601

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Robb, pen 43)

EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Caithness 9)

Att: 590

BRECHIN (1) 1 (Stewart 4)

BERWICK (0) 0

Att: 300

COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Liddle 1, McIntosh 87)

STIRLING (0) 0

Att: 300

FORFAR (0) 0

MONTROSE (0) 0

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STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 3 (Buchanan 50, Jenkins 57, Munn 82)

MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Hendrie 37)

Att: 300

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WHACKED!

Now I may miss title run-in

AS I crashed to the ground, I feared the worst. I thought my ankle was broken.

I didn't know who had tackled me, although I later discovered it was Peter Nicholas.

All I felt was someone clatter into the back of me and my ankle collapse under me.

It was a horrible feeling because I knew it was bad. I just prayed it wasn't a break.

But as I lay on the ground, it struck me I might have got away with it.

I tried to play on, but I was just hobbling around and after a couple of minutes I had to go off.

My part in England's 1-0 British Championship victory over Wales was over.

As I found out later, I'd injured the ligaments on both sides of my ankle.

And when I returned to White Hart Lane for treatment, physiotherapist Mike Varney gave me the bad news that I could be out for three weeks.

It was a real choker because I realised that by the time I'm fully fit again, Spurs could be out of the Championship race.

We've played four League matches since — including the home game with Swansea this Wednesday — and I just hope we've managed to get the right results.

Peter Nicholas' tackle was a bit late. The ball had gone.

It's so disappointing because it's come at such a crucial time and it's the worst injury I've had for a long time.

It's unbelievable to think that I could miss so many games in such a short time.

I was just beginning to get into the game against Wales when it happened.

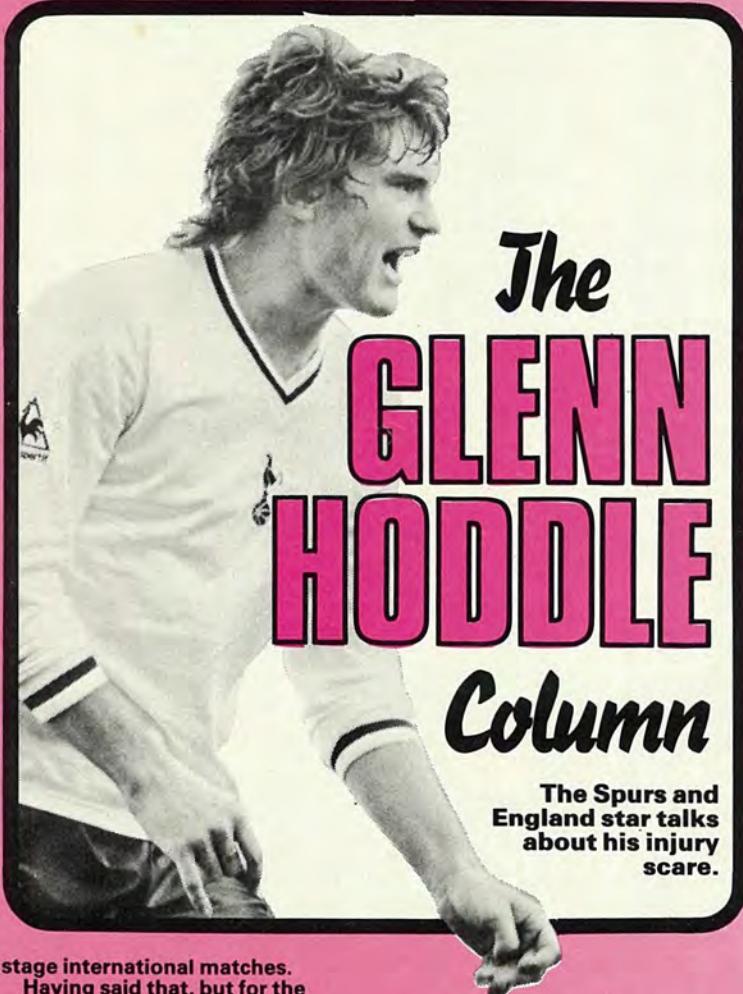
The first half had been very tight — plenty of hustle and bustle and lots of passion.

But we had created plenty of chances — enough to score a hatfull — and we were expecting a bit more space in the second half.

I had a chance myself from which I really should have scored, but some days they go in and some days they don't.

I'm not blaming the Ninian Park pitch for that particularly, but it wasn't a good surface.

I really think there should be a standard set for grounds that



The GLENN HODDLE Column

The Spurs and
England star talks
about his injury
scare.

stage international matches.

Having said that, but for the crumbly turf my injury might have been a lot worse.

The fact that the turf gave way might have helped ease the shock on my ankle.

Looking on the bright side, I'm usually quite quick to heal and I don't think there's any danger of me missing the Cup Final. I'm hoping to be back a long time before then!

But it's still so frustrating to miss so many important games — none more so than our home fixture against Liverpool last Monday. I just hope the lads have kept on winning.

There was a chance that I might have had to go into plaster for a few days, but it's really been down to rest, plenty of ice packs and ultrasonic treatment.

You are always keen to get back from injury as soon as possible but it would be stupid to come back too quickly and make things worse.

Injuries are your biggest problem when you face a fixture pile-up like we do. We've got five League matches to play in nine days starting with Leeds on Saturday and that's a lot by anyone's standards!

The problem is that you don't

get the chance to recover from knocks.

But other players have been out this season and we've kept going.

Graham Roberts has probably taken my place in midfield and John Lacy was scheduled to come in against Birmingham last week.

We've also got people like Milija Aleksic and Gordon Smith ready to step in so there is plenty of experience in the squad.

And, of course, there are good young players like Garry Brooke, Mark Falco and Terry Gibson just waiting for their chance.

Away from the League scene for a moment, we were all bitterly disappointed to lose to Barcelona in the Semi-Finals of the Cup Winners' Cup.

And the second leg in Spain certainly wasn't one of my most enjoyable matches.

I've been subjected to man-to-man marking before but never quite to the extent that I experienced in Barcelona.

He was shadowing me for the whole game — even when they had the ball! I couldn't believe it. Our players were running past

him with the ball and he still didn't leave my side.

I must admit it got very frustrating and it was difficult to keep my temper because he was physical with it.

It's not easy when you've got someone kicking you to bits.

We didn't retaliate because we've grown up a bit in European competition this season and hopefully that will stand us in good stead for the future.

But while it's not my style to play a physical game, I may have to change my attitude in some games to prove that I can dish it out as well as take it!

In European ties, it's always important to win the home leg — especially if you are at home first as we were against Barcelona.

But I wouldn't blame our 1-1 draw at White Hart Lane for not reaching the Final.

We fancied our chances at their place because we've been getting good results away from home.

We had more of the play at their place but we gave away a silly goal and that was it.

I fancied us to win the Cup Winners' Cup and it's so disappointing that we are out, but it's no good moping about that. We've just got to get on with the job.

The FA Cup now looks our best bet for success and while we can look back on a good season, we must win something.

With the side we've got here, we'll have failed miserably if we finish the season with nothing.

Glenn Hoddle

Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.



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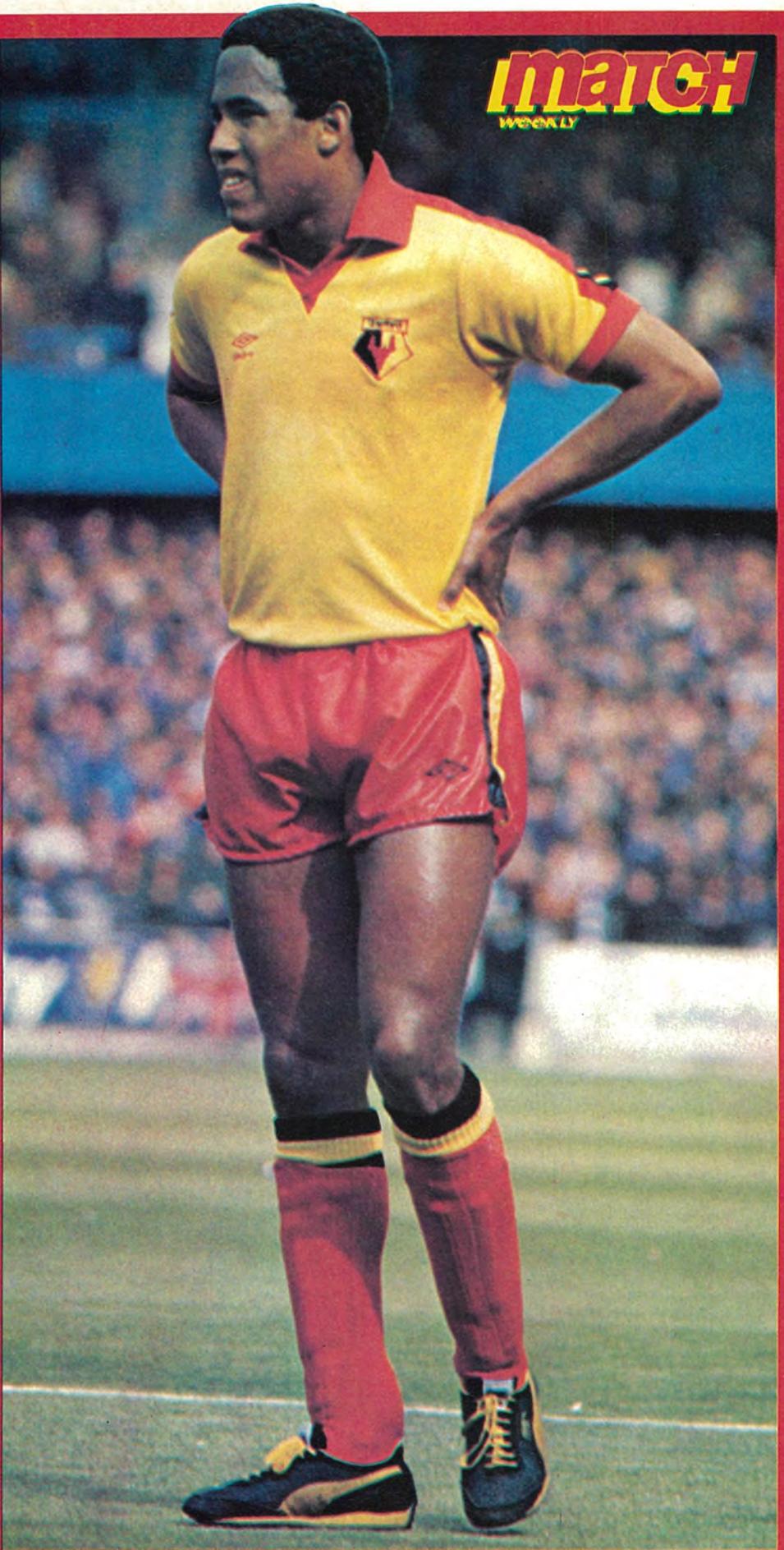
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PAUL MARINER'S LUCKY STRIKE

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IPSWICH striker Paul Mariner admits his First Division comeback goal against Stoke was something of a fluke.

There was certainly nothing lucky about the way he steered the 38th minute header beyond the reach of wrong-footed goalkeeper Peter Fox, but apparently it was the construction of the move which smacked of good fortune.

According to the England striker, overlapping full-back George Burley hadn't intended to cross the ball.

He explains: "After making a great run down the right to take a pass from Alan Brazil, George had planned to pull the ball back to Eric Gates.

"But the ball bobbed and

it looped off his shin straight into my direction, unmarked and about six yards out.

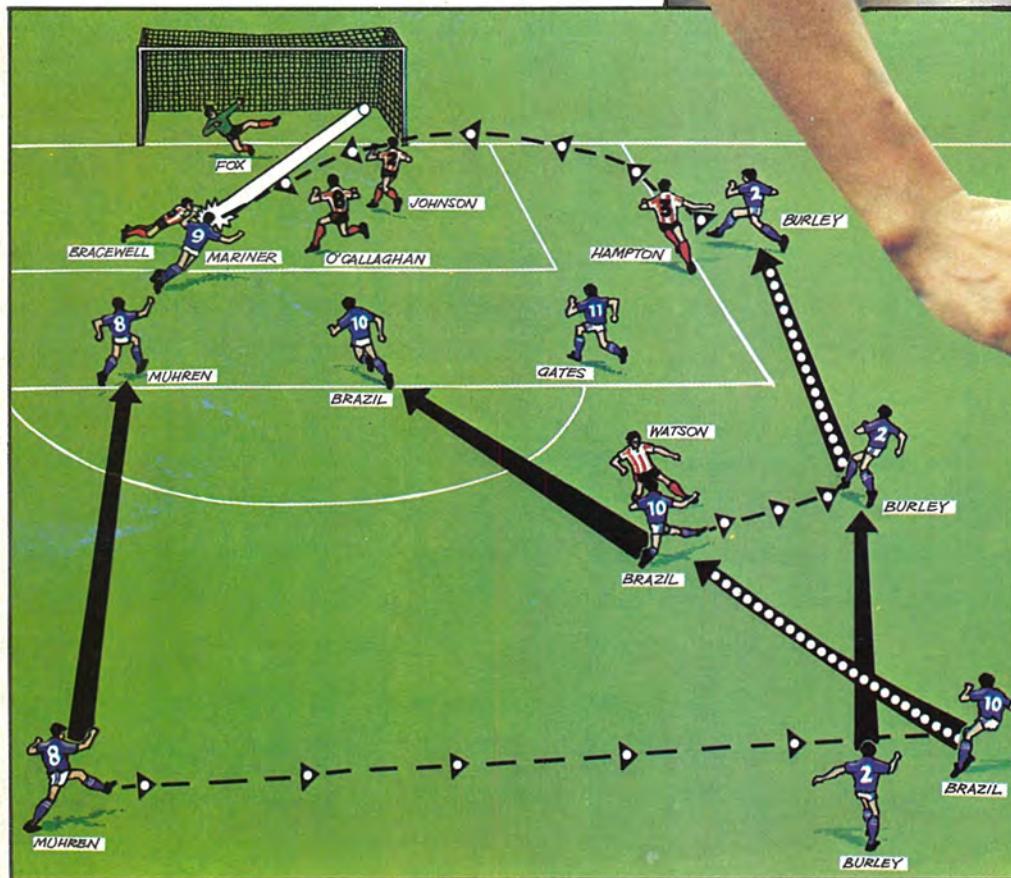
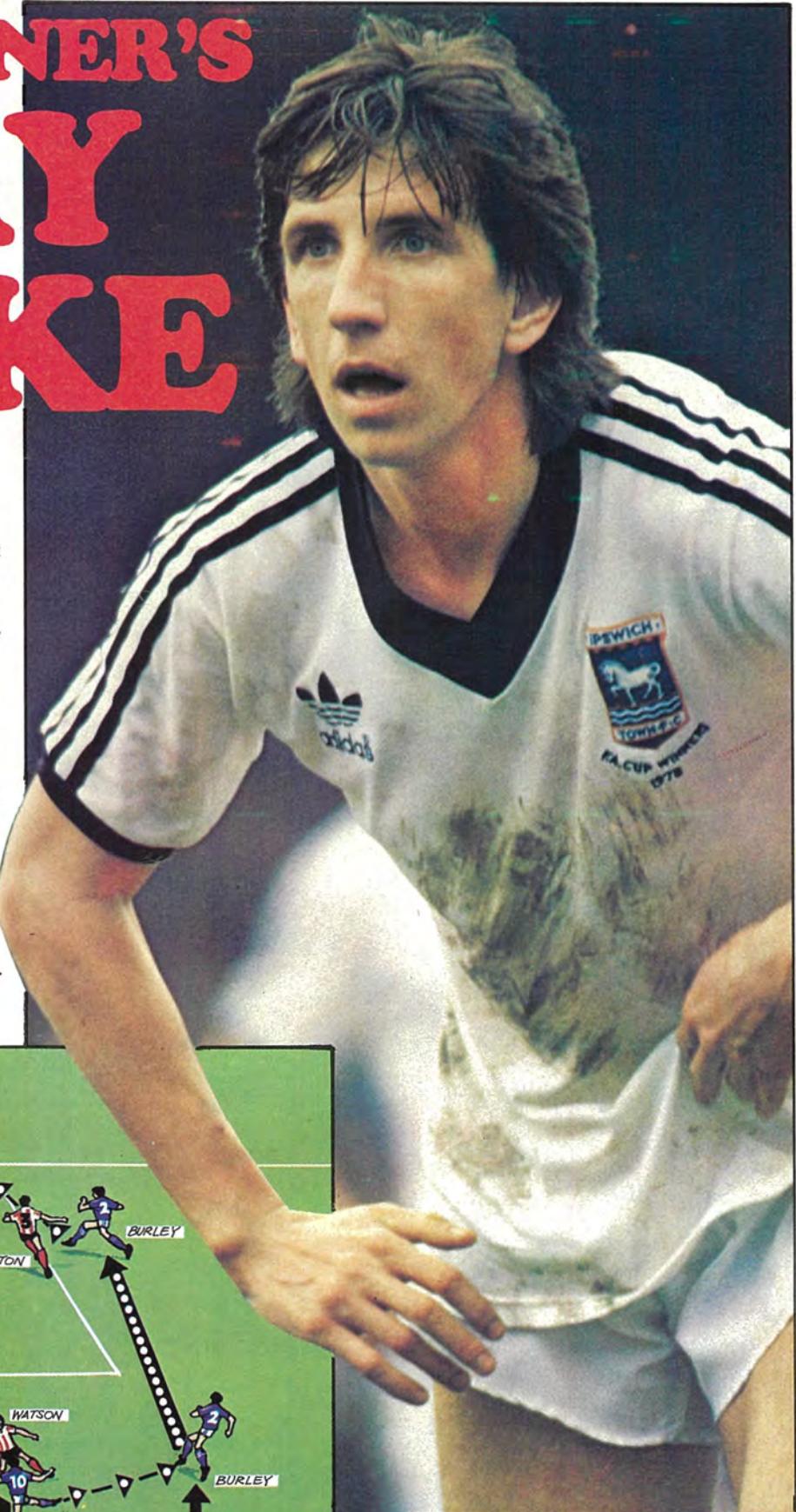
"All I had to do was head it back in the same direction, as the goalkeeper was running towards the other side of the goal.

"But it seemed ages before the ball eventually arrived on my head."

It was an important goal both for man and club.

It was Paul's first since his Achilles tendon operation and was scored in the presence of England manager Ron Greenwood.

And for Ipswich it broke the resistance of relegation-haunted Stoke and set them on the way to another valuable win in their quest for the League Championship.



**GOLDEN
GOAL**

BYRON STEVENSON BIRMINGHAM AND WALES



FULL NAME: William Byron Stevenson.

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Llanelli, September 7, 1956.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft 11st. 6lbs.

MARRIED: Yes, to Pat. CHILDREN: Richard Byron, aged 4.

CAR: Rover 3500. PREVIOUS CLUBS: Leeds.

TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.

CLUB NICKNAME: Johnnie Carson.

WORST EVER INJURY: Ligament problem at the end of last season. FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Eddie Gray — he has all round ability.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Leeds.

BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: England's World Cup winning side in 1966 — Banks, Cohen, Wilson, Stiles, Charlton J., Moore, Ball, Hunt, Charlton R., Hurst, Peters.

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Ipswich.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Cologne.

BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Coventry for Leeds last season. BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Eddie Gray's for Leeds against Burnley when he went round about six players and stuck in the net.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Kenny Dalglish.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Playing for Wales against England at Wembley in 1979. It was a 0-0 draw.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Making my debut for Wales against Northern Ireland in 1978.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Wales not qualifying for the World Cup Finals.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, snooker and most ball games.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Good food and being comfortable.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Injuries and travelling away from home.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Sports programmes.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Emmerdale Farm. FAVOURITE READING: Morning papers. FAVOURITE POP STAR: Leo Sayer.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Fillet steak and Beef Stroganoff.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Tetley's bitter. BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Yugoslavia.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Barbra Streisand.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Jazz Singer.

BEST FRIEND: My wife, Pat. BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Hooliganism.

SUPERSTITIONS: None. PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Youth, Under-21, and full honours for Wales.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To keep free of injury and hopefully win medals.

PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Mick Harford (Birmingham).

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Clint Eastwood.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard and listen to advice.

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'82

Scrapbook

ONLY 5 WEEKS
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Brazil striker is 'dynamite'

WORLD Cup favourites Brazil look like being without the services of gifted striker Reinaldo in Spain.

The 24-year-old from Atletico Mineiro has had five knee operations in recent years, and is no longer a major force in Brazilian football.

His place at the forefront of the Brazilian attack is likely to be

taken by Roberto of Vasco de Gama, who was dubbed 'El Dinamito' when playing for Barcelona.

Meanwhile, Brazil skipper Socrates is reportedly having a real battle to give up smoking.

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CAMEROON may be one of the least known teams in Spain this summer, but skipper Francois Doumbe Lea reckons the African side will put themselves on the map.

The big defender, who operates as 'sweeper', says the World Cup Finals hold no fears for the tiny African hopefuls.

He says: "African football in general has improved a lot in recent years, and particularly in the last four or five.

Prepare

"If we can get our game together, I see no reason why we shouldn't be able to reach the Second Round. We need to prepare properly, though.

"We didn't worry about the draw with Poland, Italy and Peru too much because we knew we were expected to lose.

"We are trying to be realistic. We know we are not world-beaters at the moment, but we are aiming high. We believe in ourselves and we are determined not to let anyone down."

Kipiani threat to Scots

SCOTLAND beware! Russia, one of their group opponents in Spain, look like having balding midfield star David Kipiani fit for the Finals.

The 31-year-old Dynamo Tbilisi midfield general, who guided the Russian side to European Cup Winners' Cup success last season, has recovered from a broken ankle.

He is now hoping for full fitness in time to boost the Russian chances of winning the World Cup.



Russia's David Kipiani — threat to Scotland.

MIGHTY MARKER

NEW West German marking specialist Lothar Matthaus could upset the hopes of some of the South American stars.

The 21-year-old Borussia Moenchengladbach midfield player kept a tight rein on both Brazil's Zico and Argentina's Diego Maradona during the German's short South American tour.

So manager Jupp Derwall will be looking to Matthaus to produce the goods again when it matters in the heat of World Cup competition.

One-touch wonder

HUNGARY'S Lazar Szentes made a devastating start to his international career.

He scored with his very first touch at the top level with a diving header after just 35 seconds of the friendly clash with fellow World Cup finalists Peru in Budapest.

But the 20,000 crowd were silenced later on when Peru midfield player Julio Uribe scored twice to upset the Hungarians' World Cup preparations.



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HEREFORD United have unveiled a secret weapon in their successful bid to avoid seeking re-election to the Football League for the third successive year.

He's local-born full-back Chris Price who, in the past two months, discovered a remarkable taste for goals.

With just two League goals to his credit since making his debut in the club's Second Division days six years ago, he produced a purple patch of eight goals in 13 matches... and none of them were penalties.

That took his season's tally to nine... and that makes the 'unknown' Fourth Division player the top scoring defender in the country.

It's a fact that Chris had overlooked: "I suppose I must be," he remarked, "but I hadn't really thought about it."

"I'm still getting over the shock of scoring all those goals after managing only two in the past six years."

"A lot of it is down to manager Frank Lord who has given me a free role that enables me to get into more scoring positions."

"Attacking is my strongest point and I would rather have the winger chasing me, than the other way round."

"Most of the goals have come from general play and not set pieces. I'm making late runs

Chris strikes from the back

from the back and teams are just not picking me up."

"I just hope it continues because I'm enjoying it."

His sharpness in front of goal stems from his school days when he was a striker.

He once scored seventy goals in a season for a local side before being converted to full-back on joining Hereford.

"I've always been an attacking player, but it's only since manager Frank Lord arrived that I have been given the licence to get into attacking positions," says Chris, who made his debut against Notts County during Hereford's brief flirtation with the Second Division.

"Now Notts County are in the First Division, and we have been struggling for our lives in the Fourth. That's how fortunes change."

But Chris's goal spree has enabled Hereford to lever themselves into a position of some security in the Fourth Division.

"I'm certain that better days are round the corner for the club providing we can keep the present squad together."

"The manager has a limited choice of players because of the club's acute financial problems, but I see no reason why we shouldn't push for promotion next season if we can steer clear of injuries."

"A lot of the players' contracts are up at the end of the season, and some may go part time, but we shall just have to wait and see."

"Obviously it was a worry for the players when it became known that Hereford were struggling to survive."

"But we tried to put that to the back of our minds and during that crisis we produced some good results. We didn't want to see the club die."

"Being a local lad I'm proud to play for Hereford and I want them to stay in the Football League."

Boot for Brown

ALLAN Brown has been sacked by Fourth Division Blackpool for the second time.

He spent two seasons with Blackpool in the mid-seventies, but his latest spell lasted only 13 months.

He took over from ex-England star Alan Ball last season, but Blackpool have failed to make any real impression in the Fourth Division following relegation last season and currently lay around mid-table.

Ball meanwhile has gone on to enjoy a successful season in the First Division with Southampton.

Focus on Divisions Three and Four

Keith's level

with Melvyn Beck

KEITH Edwards' two goals for Sheffield United in their 4-0 victory at Peterborough on April 21 took his season's League tally to 29.

That put him level with Bury's Craig Madden in the race to reach 35 League goals and collect a £5,000 jackpot by

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Keith returned to Bramall Lane from Hull for £90,000 last September, and he's certainly proved a wise investment for manager Ian Porterfield as United head back for the Third Division.

Andy's return boosts Robins

SWINDON'S Andy Rowland made a welcome and profitable return to help his relegation-haunted side dent the promotion hopes of Lincoln.

The big striker, out of action for three months with a thigh injury, scored the only goal to give the West Country side a boost in their bid to avoid slipping into the Fourth Division.



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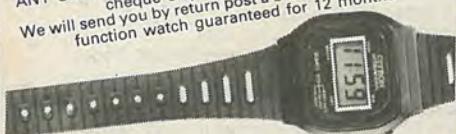
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John Neill, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear.

PACK OF EX-WOLVES

HERE'S my all-star team of ex-Wolves players who are still playing:

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GOLDEN GOOF

FIFTY pence and you can buy Laurie Cunningham — that's the message of this 'Golden Goof' sent in by Richard Mackers (9) of Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear.

Laurie Cunningham is set for a transfer deadline-beating return to West Bromwich Albion, whose manager, Ronnie Allen, in Spain to see England's World Cup warm-up game against Athletico Bilbao, has been in touch with Cunningham's club Real Madrid.

Madrid signed Cunningham for £1, three years ago but are now prepared to accept half that amount for him.

In the doghouse

AFTER hearing someone say that Trevor Francis is as fast as a whippet I began to wonder what breed of dog other footballers could be likened to.

I came to the conclusion that Osvaldo Ardiles is like a poodle, Graeme Souness a bulldog, with his solid no-nonsense approach, Joe Jordan an Alsatian because of his strength and aggression and Alan Ball with his hurrying and snapping would make the ideal terrier.

C. Grogan, Ryhope, Sunderland.

Left: Alan Ball — like a terrier, says C. Grogan of Sunderland.

Split 'em up

IT'S time for a complete change in the structure of English football. Charlie George has said the game should be left as it is but that would be suicidal with more and more clubs on the brink of closing down.

The League should introduce two 'super Leagues' of sixteen clubs and six regional divisions giving non-League teams like Altrincham a chance to play at a higher level.

At present, the lower division clubs have too far to travel but, with the introduction of regional divisions, the attendances would rise with more local derby matches being played.

Duncan Murray, Woodthorpe, Nottingham.

Sunderland past can vanquish Sunderland present

HERE is a team of past Sunderland players which I am sure could beat the present team!

Trevor Swinburne (Carlisle), Steve Whitworth (Bolton), Joe Bolton (Middlesbrough), Colin Todd (Birmingham), Dave Watson (Stoke), John Wile (W.B.A.), Claudio Marangoni (Argentina), Ian Bowyer (Nottingham Forest), John Hawley (Arsenal), Brian Robson (Carlisle), Dennis Tueart (Manchester City), Graeme Petty, South Shields, Tyne and Wear.

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SHEFFIELD United, the club and the fans, are setting a fine example for other clubs to follow.

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But with a new manager and chairman and a few changes on the playing staff, the club are destined for successful days once more.

They already have one of the best grounds in the country, but are looking to improve it even further.

And the team's fans are magnificent — staying loyal throughout.

This season they have

averaged gates of around 12,000 at home and they get about 4,000 travelling to away matches.

Recently, against Wigan, more than 22,000 fans filled Bramall Lane, but while that was incredible enough for a Fourth Division side, a week later more than 24,000 watched the match against Bradford!

It was a bigger attendance than the one at Anfield for Liverpool's match against Birmingham on the same night!

United have been a bit overshadowed in recent seasons by rivals Sheffield Wednesday, but I'm sure it won't be long before the 'Blades' return to their rightful place in Division One. Dominic Jackson, Sheffield.

Stoke are too good to go down

AFTER seeing Stoke unluckily defeated 4-3 by Southampton last month, I'm convinced they are too good to be relegated.

They gave a really gutsy performance with Peter Fox brilliant in goal once more.

Many fans complained when Richie Barker sold Adrian Heath to Everton but, with the money he collected, he has strengthened the defence by buying Dave Watson and Derek Parkin, added class to an inexperienced midfield by buying Sammy McIlroy and picked up a great front-runner in Alan Biley on loan.

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Andrew Binding, Tonteg, Mid Glamorgan.

● THAT'S it you see — the sun never shines in places like Rochdale and Halifax. You're off!



Select Scots

THIS is my Scottish select team to beat any English select X1.

Alan Rough (Partick), Danny McGrain (Celtic), Ally Dawson (Rangers), Roy Aitken (Celtic), Alex McLeish (Aberdeen), Jim Bett (Rangers), Davie Provan (Celtic), Murdo McLeod (Celtic), Derek Johnstone (Rangers), Paul Sturrock (Dundee United), Davie Cooper (Rangers). Alan Gray (13), Eaglesham, Glasgow.

Left: Alex McLeish — he's in Alan Gray's Scottish select team.

Fair of skin!

AS I walked to Old Trafford to watch Manchester United play Sunderland, I was watching the Sunderland fans being escorted to the ground.

Suddenly a fan with a skinhead haircut slipped through the mounted police and came towards me.

He bent down in front of me and picked up a £5 note saying: "You dropped this."

At that moment a bunch of

United fans went after him and he was pushed back into the queue of Sunderland fans by a mounted policeman before I had time to thank him.

However, I did notice he was carrying a copy of 'Match Weekly' and, in the hope that he reads this, I would just like to thank him very much for what he did. Mark Roberts (14), Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay, Clwyd.

Mighty Matchmen

I'M a regular reader of 'Match Weekly' and possess every copy. From reading each of the 72 'Matchmaker' articles that appeared during 1981, I have worked out the players' most popular all-time British team.

It is as follows: Banks (47 votes), McGrain (34), Cooper (29), Moore (54), Charlton J. (19), Giles (29), Ball (28), Greaves (30), Charlton R. (54), Law (43), Best (60).

Also, the most popular choice of favourite League player was Kenny Dalglish (23); favourite

foreign player Diego Maradona (21); favourite away ground Old Trafford (16). Chris Walters, Roby, Liverpool.

ALL A LOAN!

I'VE noticed over the last few months that the number of players on loan to clubs has greatly increased.

This is, I hope, a clear indication that managers now realise they must ensure that the individual concerned is capable of playing an important role in the team before splashing out hundreds of thousands of pounds. Nigel Broderick (15), Co Tyrone, N. Ireland.

YOUNG'S GOT A CHEEK

I WAS outraged at remarks made by Leicester's Alan Young, who was reported as saying Tottenham would be a pushover in the FA Cup Semi-Finals.

Young also said that Jock Wallace wouldn't swap any of his players for any Spurs players.

Spurs have six internationals to Leicester's one and that fact alone proves they are the better side. Gavin Barnes (15), Headley, Berks.

● WHAT do you expect him to say on the eve of a Semi-Final — 'we're going to get hammered'. You're booked.

Keegan on the spot...

I'M outraged that Kevin Keegan is up there with Cyrille Regis and Ian Rush in the leading scorers table.

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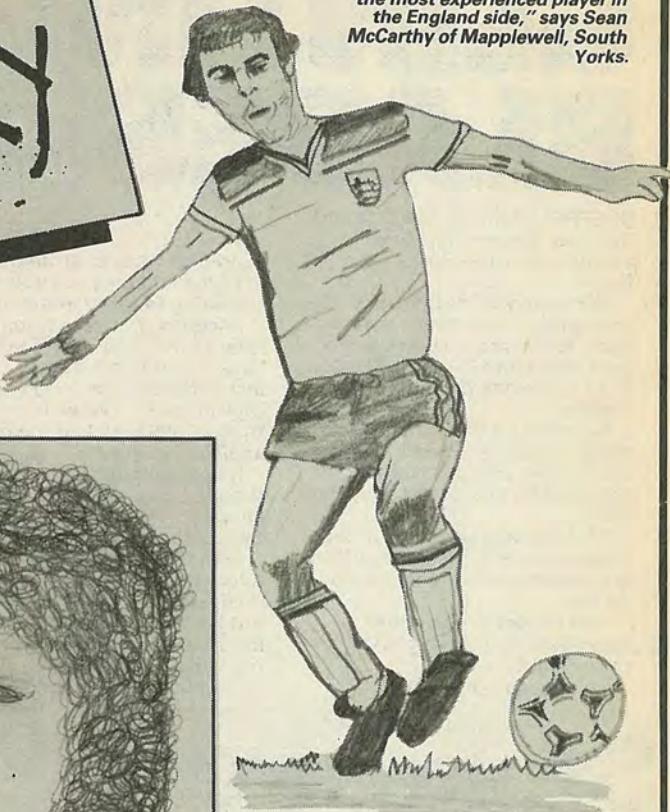
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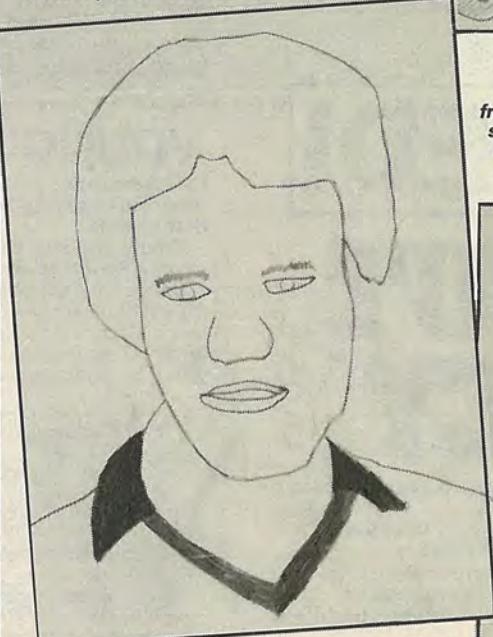
"Trevor Brooking is probably the most experienced player in the England side," says Sean McCarthy of Mapplewell, South Yorks.



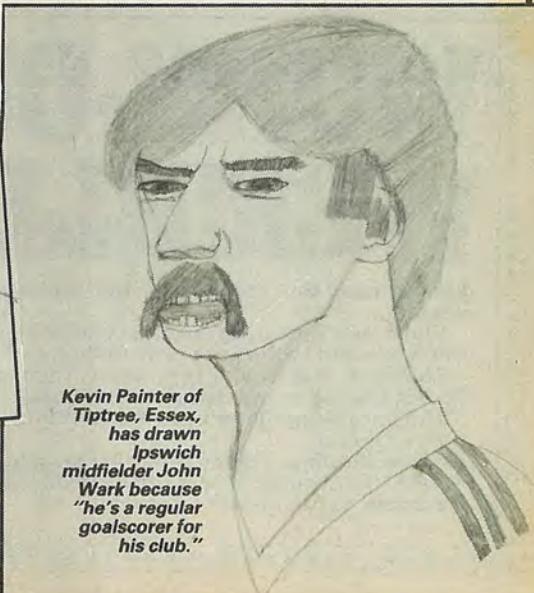
"Allan Evans is a good player in a good team and that's why he deserves a place in 'Star Gallery', says Marcus Cooper (10) of Roehampton, London.



"Willie Pettigrew is so deadly in front of goal," says Stewart Larnb (15) of Menzieshill, Dundee.



Manjeet Chaggar (14) of Manton Heights, Bedford, chose to draw Andy Gray because "he scored the winning goal when Wolves won the League Cup in 1980."



Kevin Painter of Tiptree, Essex, has drawn Ipswich midfielder John Wark because "he's a regular goalscorer for his club."

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ANDY Blair spoke this week of his turbulent first season with League Champions Aston Villa.

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But now Andy, who joined Villa in the close season from Coventry for £300,000, has solved his differences with the club and is looking forward to being part of Villa's European Cup Final squad.

"I don't expect to be in the side that faces Bayern Munich in the Final, but if I can be part of the squad then this season won't have been a total write-off for me."

"I'll be delighted if I can make the substitute's bench in Rotterdam. It's not every player that gets a chance to be involved in a European Cup Final."

"I thought reaching the Semi-Final of the League Cup with Coventry last season was good, but the European Cup is really something special. It's so exciting for the club, players and fans."

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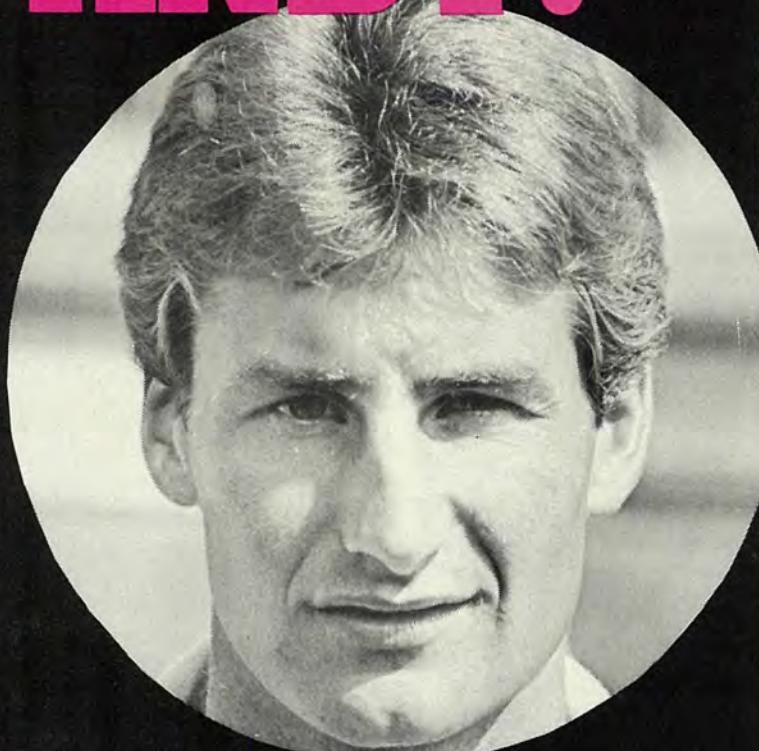
"One of the main attractions in joining Villa was that they were involved in Europe and I've enjoyed that involvement."

"Although my first team chances have been limited, I still feel I've contributed towards Villa's progress to the Final. I played against Valur in Iceland and against Dynamo Kiev in Russia," added Andy.

Midfielder Andy admitted: "When I joined the club from Coventry I didn't realise how difficult it would be for me to get into the first team."

"I regard Gordon Cowans as the best midfielder in the country. Dennis Mortimer has been in brilliant form, and Ron Saunders called Des Bremner 'Villa's most consistent player last season.' That's what I'm up against!"

"I'll do anything I can to get a regular place in the side, but



Scottish Under-21 international Andy Blair: "A place in the European Cup Final squad will mean that this season hasn't been a total write-off for me."

I know how difficult it's going to be for me.

"I regard establishing myself in the Villa side as an even bigger challenge now than when I first joined the club."

"To be strong, a club needs a good squad of players and that's what we've got at Villa Park."

"My first season here has been mixed. I spent long periods training with the reserves and that wasn't very pleasant. Once you've been used to being with the first team, getting demoted is horrible."

"People questioned my attitude and I've had to knuckle down and work hard. All I've ever wanted to do is play football."

"My problems at Villa have taught me a lot and I bear no grudges to anyone. I'm just looking forward to getting myself in the team and staying there."

Defending Champions Villa have found it hard-going in the First Division this season, but the European Cup has kept their season alive.

"It would have been a very mediocre season if we weren't involved in Europe," admitted Andy. "Now we've still got everything to play for and the fans are turning up in numbers."

Fabulous

"Even though we haven't done too well in the League, the fans have still supported us. I'd have loved to have been here when they were winning the Championship. There must have been a fabulous atmosphere at Villa Park."

"Everyone was giving Villa the tag of 'one-season wonders', but I believe the players have proved them wrong by reaching the European Cup Final."

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Feared by all

IF there's one European player who can strike fear into the hearts of the confident World Cup crusaders from South America then it's surely West German superstar Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

The 26-year-old European 'Footballer of the Year' is out to show the world his paces after Germany's disappointing performance in their defence of the world crown in Argentina four years ago.

He has advertised his potential in sky-high letters with nine goals in eight games as Germany literally skated their qualifying group with a 100 per cent record.

And with more than fifty caps to his credit since his debut against Wales six years ago, he is desperate to realise his dream of leading Germany to their third World Cup triumph.

He is one man who could blast the hopes of Argentina and Brazil into oblivion with his subtle change of pace, superb close control and devastating finishing as his two hat-tricks in the qualifying games fully proved.

But while the Bayern Munich star now lives a life of luxury he is quick to remember his struggling days with the giant German club.

He earns around £180,000 a year from football alone and reportedly rejected a pay rise once because he thought he was earning enough already!

It now seems a long way off from those days in 1974 when he joined Bayern as a shy youngster from regional league team Borussia Lippstadt for the princely sum of £4,500.

He was moving in the circles of such German legends as Sepp Maier, Paul Breitner, Franz Beckenbauer, Uli Hoeneß, and Gerd Müller and, for a long time, he wandered round like a little boy lost.

But he gradually polished up the rough edges to fight his way into the side, only to be dropped for the European Cup Final victory over Leeds in 1975.

He was ordered to take extra training by coach Dettmar Craven, and he bounced back with a vengeance to emerge as one of the world's top strikers.

A year later, he made his international debut in the 2-0 win in Wales and he was on the road to fame.

"All that extra training was worth it in the end," says Karl.

"Playing in the last World Cup was an important experience for me. It helped me grow up. And it made me learn that I could really score goals as an attacking winger."

A World Cup medal would add to his long list of honours which include the 1980 European Championship, two European 'Footballer of the Year' awards and a host of domestic medals.

